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Grainger Re-Opens

Nick Elmes
Assistant Editor

The new Grainger, dedicated on August 19, may appear similar to the original on the outside, but looks are deceiving.

Inside the 27,694 square foot building is a state-of-the-art education center unrivaled in Virginia.

"This is the first classroom building on campus, and probably one of the first in the Commonwealth, to have a

completely wireless infrastructure, as well as a hard-wired infrastructure," said Dr. Frank Moore, assistant vice president for information technology.

"Grainger is high-tech: every classroom has a high-end com-

puter in an instructor's console with a DVD player, VCR, visual projector; access to the Longwood network and Internet; and study areas with data and power," President Patricia Cormier said at the dedication.

"This building is both wired and

wireless. Wireless means that students do not need to physically connect their laptops to data ports to access the University

network and Internet - they can access the network and Internet without plugging the computer into an outlet - and they can walk around the building surfing the web."

See **GRAINGER** p.4



Robbery at Worsham Grocery

Liz Richards
Editor-In-Chief

Saturday night around 10 p.m., a black male entered the Worsham Grocery Exxon gas station on Farmville Road.

With a pistol in hand, he ordered the man behind the register to hand over all the cash in the drawer, according to Captain Wesley Reed, of the Prince Edward County Sheriff's Office.

The robber fired one shot, took the money and left. The man is described as a six-foot-tall African American, weighing around one hundred sixty-five pounds, according to Reed.

He was wearing jeans, a blue shirt, and a blue bandana around his face.

The robber left in a dark colored vehicle parked behind the store, which was being driven by a white female with "busy hair," according to police.

At the time of the robbery, there were two employees and three customers in the store.

"Thankfully no one was hurt," said Reed.

Hampden-Sydney police were first on the scene, followed by seven more officers.

Currently, the robbery is under investigation.

"We have a few leads, but no

arrests have been made," said Reed.

A similar robbery happened the night before at approximately 9:30 p.m., at Prospect Chevron, according to reports in the *Farmville Herald*.

A black man walked in with a towel around his face and a gun in his hand. According to the *Farmville Herald*, he left with approximately \$300.

Reed advised students to "stay aware of what's going on in their surroundings, and if they are ever in a situation like this one, just comply [with what the perpetrator wants]." Anyone with information is advised to call the Prince Edward County Sheriff's office at 392-8101.

SoBig A Big Problem

Nick Elmes
Assistant Editor

Two major viruses clogged campus computers last week, making preparations for the first week of classes a difficult task for professors and IT staff.

The problems started two weeks ago with the Blaster worm, an invasive program that attacks Windows operating systems released after 2000 by exploiting a feature designed to allow remote access to a computer.

Continual automatic reboots is a common symptom of a Blaster infection.

Blaster also attempted to prevent computer users from accessing the Windows Update web page to download the patch necessary to fix the computer, according to Symantec, the publishers of Norton Anti-Virus.

Then, a week later, the e-mail

virus SoBig attacked campus computers.

"Since last Tuesday, Blaster has not been as big a problem as SoBig," said Assistant Vice President of Information and Instructional Technology Services Dr. Frank Moore III.

"In a 24 hour time period between midnight Wednesday and midnight Thursday we prevented 186,000 virus laden attachments from coming on campus."

Moore said that SoBig has been such a problem because it is "essentially running an e-mail server off of your PC.

"The bad thing about this virus is that you might get an email saying that I sent you a virus attachment when in fact it didn't come from me because the virus is spoofing addresses," said Moore.

The IT support staff held an emergency meeting on August 19 to try to figure out how to clean all of the faculty computers on campus.

"The staff wanted to scan the network to see who had the Windows patch and also looking to see who had SoBig," explained Moore. "We identified just under 200 faculty and staff PCs that did not comply.

"We have a total of 467 networked PCs so just a little under half were infected," he added.

The IT staff sent out information explaining how to fix the computers and gave the faculty 24 hours to solve the problem themselves.

"We ran the scan again and it was still around the same figure," said Moore.

See **SOBIG** p.4



A sister of Alpha Delta Pi, an RA in the Colonnades, a Mortar Board member, and a Big Sibling, Annie Danvir touched the lives many Longwood students.

She will be deeply missed as a friend and citizen leader. There will be a viewing for friends at the Moser Funeral Home in Warrenton on Thursday, August 28 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m.

You can call Moser at 540-347-3431 for more details. The funeral is scheduled for Friday, August 29 at 2:00 p.m. Mourners are asked to meet at Moser's Funeral Home, where they will be directed to another location. See pictures from last night's candlelight vigil on page 2.

Words From the Editor



issue as editor.

Already, there is a lot going on around campus, as you will read in this paper.

There's the progressing Brock Commons, the faculty only parking deck, and tons of freshman!

I've been told by my wise professors that humans are the dominant species, due mainly to the fact that we can adapt to change. Here at

Longwood, the administration must be trying to breed super humans with everything that is changing around here.

Starting with Brock Commons, and ending...who knows when.

Not that I have a problem with this, I kind of welcome it. To me, change is the way we grow, and mature. I mean, think of how painful it would be if you tried to wear the same size underwear as you did when you were six?

This is a natural maturity progress, being able to move past the little choo-choo trains is a good thing.

OK, seriously though, are you the same person you were five years ago? And do you

think you will be the same person five years from now?

No, and that's because we go through things that change us, and we adapt to them. I'm doing my best to adapt to my new position, but it's like walking into a room completely blindfolded.

I know with time I'll work out the kinks, and for now I'm doing the best I can. I'm sure a lot of our new students feel that way, like they should know what they're doing this first week of school.

I've walked in your shoes, and let me ask you; it's a humbling experience, isn't it? There's a lot to be learned this year, my best advice is to take it in stride.



Members of Alpha Delta Pi spoke in memory of their sorority sister Wednesday night at the candlelight vigil held in Annie Danvir's honor.

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The Rotunda is an equal opportunity employer and is looking for people who are interested in writing or layout. We currently have positions available and ask anyone who is interested to come to our meetings, Mondays at 9:15 p.m.

The Hitchin' Post

That's right, I have spent my summer in the throws of wedding plans and stratagems, and thought I would share some of my trials and tribulations with any other couples out there who are tightening the knot.

On September 20, I will look into the eyes of Melissa Ridley, my "roommate". For three years, and fiancé for two, and say "I Do."

Now Melissa, a former Longwood student, and I are operating on a shoe string budget here.

But that shouldn't matter, all you need are two rings, a preacher, and eternal love, right?

Riiight...

When we started planning last winter, we wanted a small, intimate ceremony with around twenty relatives and a bagpiper in my parent's backfield.

Then our parents got involved in the planning process....

The current plan requires two locations to be reserved, a professional caterer to

feed the 150+ guests who are now coming, a horse drawn carriage, two singers, professional photographers, flowers, gifts, center pieces, reserved hotels, port-a-potties, flower girls, the list goes on., and on, and on.

The scariest thing is that it is added to daily.

See, we forgot that a wedding is an event that has traditional requirements that must be met.

There are things that just haaave to be done.

People (family) expect certain things when you are married.

Apparently this is a well kept secret among the married couples of the world.

When I explain our difficulties in actually achieving what we saw as the perfect wedding, married people just nod their heads sympathetically, wink, and whisper that they went through the same thing.

Then there are the people who ask if I am nervous yet.

What does that mean? Am I supposed to be

nervous about spending my life with someone I love?

Or do they mean am I nervous that the actual wedding will go smoothly?

Because, they are very, very different questions.

Is the nervous question the same as asking if we are ready?

Because that is the most popular question - are you ready yet?

Are you ready yet?

I think I can answer that one right now for anyone who is still curious.

My fiancé and I have been ready to be married for over a year, as for the wedding, I am not so sure how ready we are for that circus, but I know our bags are half packed for a trip to Vegas.

Nick Elmes
Assistant Editor

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Welcome Back, Longwood

The adventure just keeps getting better and better

Amy Whipple
Assistant Editor

I can honestly say that it's good to be back at the 'Wood.

Longwood, thank you SO much for completing Grainger in time for classes. Knowing that five out of six of my classes are in the newly finished building makes me quite possibly the happiest student at Longwood. No more poles in the middle of squashed rooms in Curry; no more walking up to Wynne in the middle of the night for a novel class; no more trying to remember exactly which side of the doors a room is on; no more keeping eighty-six buildings in mind for classes all within the same department; no more trailer park trash professors; no more bullshit.

Thank you.

And Longwood, thank you for continuing your funding and love of *The Rotunda*, everyone's favorite student publication since 1920. Thank you for affording me the opportunity to laugh hysterically with my friends as we put together the first issue of *The Rotunda* after an atrocious first week of classes (I'm trying in Spanish 101. Promise.)

It made my day today when a member of the faculty told us (to our faces no less) how much she loved our paper. What? People really actually read this? Love it? No kidding!

Everyone who knows me, and is reading this, is waiting for the complaining to start; this I'm sure of. This wouldn't be a column by me if I didn't in some way or another break down the spirit of Longwood.

So I confess. There are many things on my I-Really-Hate-Longwood-and-I-Hope-the-Giant-Mutant-Flies-in-the-Newspaper-Office-Wind-Up-in-Someone's-Awful-Excuse-for-Dining-Hall-Food List.

Many of these issues, I was just going to let go: automatic paper towel dispensers, how the stairwells in the Student Union seem to get painted

every summer (whereas the Residence Halls are on four-year cycles), pretty new trashcans, etc.

My issues are with the big things, and they are as follows:

Problem the First. Class sizes. Ever since I got my first brochure from Longwood, four long years ago, they promised me small class sizes, low ratios, something that, in a large high school, sounded like a good idea.

I started my freshman year with classes averaging about twenty-two people for the courses I took.

Last year, things started to creep up, more people being placed in classes well past their established limits.

But this year, I wind up in my 300-level English classes, only to find upwards of thirty people. Really, not that big of a jump, but, at the same time, a huge problem. My professors have complained; my classmates have complained; I'm complaining big time.

Many of my classes in high school were this big, and it's just enough people to zap the professor's individual attention. By the time I got to my junior year, I would have thought I'd have nice, cozy classes, complete with heated, educated discussion.

Professors that normally have their classes sit in circles in order to enable this kind of environment now find themselves stuck in the classic spot: professor on a high, cushy, roly chair, with her students in desk-chairs, staring at her nose hairs through binoculars (and not paying a bit of attention to what she has to say).

Problem the Second. The Cafe. Can someone please explain to me the purpose of redoing the cafe? Was it a dire issue? Was the roof caving in? The walls coming down? Didn't Bene Pizza and Java City just get built the previous summer? I'm sure that, even though they were

under the construction supervision of Longwood, they were done well enough that they don't need renovation. I know plenty of rooms, offices, and buildings that could use the money. Why the money for doors with pretty windows, only to have tables on either side of said doors? Yes, the cafe was crowded during peak hours, but it was nothing we couldn't handle. At least give it a couple more years.

Problem the Third. Lying. I'm not going to complain about parking, but I am going to complain about the school lying to us about it. As of last spring, Longwood has had us all hyped up for a brand-new underground parking garage. Okay, so it's not done yet, no big deal; we're used to that. What we all did not expect, however, was to open up the new parking regulations booklet handed out with every parking decal, only to find that the new garage was for faculty.

Really wouldn't be a problem, Longwood, if you had been up-front about it. The faculty and staff deserve parking; they go here just like we do. I could be happy for them if the school had come out with a plan, such as a garage will go to faculty, we'll open up faculty lots to commuters, and so on. That may be the case, but just inform us; we're not six-years-old, so there's no reason to hide your motives. And, not to complain about prices, but raising student parking to \$100 for a year, only to take away parking spaces? Please.

Problem the Last. ADD construction. The part of Brock Commons that is done is absolutely beautiful; I honestly didn't expect it to be that nice. Longwood's campus is supposed to be beautiful, but having arbitrary fences while the construction company makes up its mind on the other side of campus just makes things...well...ugly. If this were three years ago, there's no way I would have picked Longwood as my college of choice.

I came here for a good, small, classic education. Instead, I'm getting a lesson on the ins and outs of interior design. And not a very good one at that.

props and drops

Props:

- + Fountains being turned on
- + Grainger!
- + *Pirates of the Caribbean*
- + Guy on the red motorcycle
- + Air Conditioning
- + Little Hug variety juice drinks

Drops:

- \$100 for a parking permit
- Dry erase board erasers in Grainger
- Automatic paper towel dispensers
- Picnic Dinner first day back
- To the freshman that asked for their "crusts to be cut off their sandwich."
- Internet being down

Speak Out

What do you think of the new Lancer Cafe?



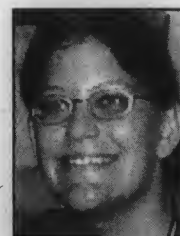
"It's a lot bigger and isn't as crowded."

~Margo, Sophomore



"It looks like an actual restaurant."

~Damien, Sophomore



"It's really dark and the fact that you can only get from one end of the SU to the other by walking through it is terrible."

~Leslie, Junior



"The color scheme is better...everything has improved."

~Zach, Senior

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"The Ruffners, when they come on line, will also be a wireless building," she added, "As will the new science building that will be under construction later this month."

While architects endeavored to retain the feel of the original building, incorporating five carved stone medallions salvaged from the old Grainger and maintaining the same basic width and depth, the improvements are obvious when viewed from top to bottom.

"The new Grainger is about six and a half feet taller," said Longwood University Media Specialist Kent Booty, "Because of all the new mechanical equipment that had to be installed

between each floor."

The new building contains 12 classrooms, a state-of-the-art computer classroom and language lab and offices for 33 faculty members.

"The original Grainger housed the library, the infirmary and the training school in addition to classrooms and dorm rooms," said Booty. "It was named in 1967 for Dr. James Moses Grainger, who taught English at Longwood from 1908 to 1950, chaired the English Department for all but his first two years and was co-founder of the Virginia Association of Teachers of English."

Although open to students for the first time last Monday, faculty have been busy getting the building ready for the fall semester

throughout the month of August.

"They began moving in their furniture August 4, and began occupying their offices the following week," said Booty.

"I don't think there is anything bitter about coming back to the new Grainger," said Professor of French, McRae Amoss. "Certainly the period of fire and the loss of our building and our offices is not something that people are going to forget, but that just makes the staff even gladder to be back."

The original building, which dated to 1903, was demolished in the fall of 2001 due to extensive water and smoke damage sustained during the massive Ruffner's fire in the 2001 spring semester.

"The fire damage was so extensive that investigators, while rul-

ing out arson, say the cause may never be determined," Booty said.

The fire destroyed the Ruffner complex, which at the time was undergoing a \$12 million renovation that was about eight percent complete.

"About 175 firefighters from 13 companies fought the fire," he added.

English Construction, the same company that just finished Grainger, is currently reconstructing the Ruffner complex.

"The 83,143-square foot building, which will also look identical to its predecessor, will house four academic departments, the provost, the office of Academic Affairs, and the dean of the College of arts and Sciences," said Booty. "Work began last December and is due to be fin-

ished in January 2005."

The entire project, including Grainger, is expected to cost slightly more than \$22,000,000, according to Longwood University's Office of Public Relations.

Construction costs for the new Grainger, including furnishings, totaled \$5.5 million, another big difference from the original building, which, including equipment, only cost \$27,500.

Despite the hefty price tag the new Grainger symbolizes the future of Longwood University.

"The Great Fire of 2001 was truly a devastating time in Longwood's history, but the new buildings rising from the ashes will, like the Phoenix, allow us to soar into the future," Cormier said.

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Moore adds: "So I just looked at the lead network engineer and told him to cut them from the network and walked out of the room."

"Then we realized that we were having registration on Friday and you can't register your students if you don't have the network up. So we put together a triage team, and I took any personnel in this building that was not doing mission critical stuff and armed them with CDs, and we went out and slowly did every PC."

"There was one point on Thursday when I was updating eight PCs all at once, running up and down the hallways as they were scanning," he added.

Any virus problems in the computer labs were fixed using a clone program, but classroom computers had to be cleaned and updated by hand, according to Moore.

Once the University computers were fixed, the IT staff had to worry about re-infection from incoming student computers.

"Ninety percent of them were infected with either SoBig or the worm or did not have their OS updated," said Moore. "We figured that when all 4,100 laptops finally arrived on Sunday 3,600 of them were going to be re-contaminating the network."

An IT engineer re-scripted the network registration page so that it redirects students to a site that scans for viral infections and then turned the student system off until eight a.m. Monday morning, so there would be a full staff to mon-

itor any problems.

"Students will not be able to register for the network if they are infected with Blaster or SoBig," said Moore. "Instead they will be sent to a site to have their computer cleaned."

"If the computers are cleaned and they are still having problems they need to contact their RTA's and if the RTA can't deal with it they will be referred to a computer repair center."

"If you are getting a 'This Page Can Not Be Displayed' message it is because too many people are hitting the server," he added. "We can only have about 10 ISP addresses hit the server at the same time so its going to be a three or four day process to get the students up and running."

Moore hopes that the recent problems will help to educate both students and faculty on the importance of up-to-date virus software and operating systems.

"When the dust settles after September 10, we are going to do a massive re-education of the faculty and staff on how to do stuff like this," explained Moore. "Students need to make sure that they are doing an auto update during a time that their machine is on and they need to do it daily, Monday through Friday, at least until September 20."

"I don't care what anti-virus software they use, but use something and keep it up to date," he added.

The other key thing, according to Moore it to use Windows Update to make sure that operating systems have all of the current patches installed.

"If they could do those two things we would have no problems on campus."



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Catch the Spirit: Longwood's Very Own Key Master

Public Relations

In addition to our fantastic students, the spirit of Longwood University is reflected in our faculty and staff. Each member of this educational institution is deeply committed to the well-being and achievement of every student. The Rotunda will be printing a Catch the Spirit column during the upcoming year. This column is designed to give students insight to the faculty and staff who surround them. If you have input for this column, please send it to Jennifer Wall at jwall@longwood.edu.

The "Key Master," as Pinkey Baldwin is often referred to, is the man you want to have around when your key is impossible to find. With over 5,000 keyed locks on the Longwood campus, the "Key Master" is essential and always busy.

"When I first started working with locks here at Longwood, there were endless keys and it was very complicated. About twenty

years ago, we went to a unified system that allowed master keys and interchangeable cores. Thanks to this system, I can do more in less time," stated Pinkey.

With interchangeable cores, which he builds in the facilities plant, locks can be repaired, replaced, or changed with lower cost to the University.

There are 28 pin segments in seven barrels within a lock core. A locksmith must know the correct order to put the pin segments in each barrel in order to rebuild a lock.

"Locks are like anything mechanical; it's ongoing maintenance. What works today may not work tomorrow, but it can get fixed," said Pinkey.

What if a student loses a key? Pinkey explained, "Students must report lost keys to their REC who will then notify me. We will

replace keys, however, if we feel there is a security risk, such as a stolen key, we will change the lock core.

Unhappily for students, there is a \$50 cost for a core change and two keys and a charge of \$10 for each additional key."

Directions, Pinkey is always upbeat and helpful. His dedication to Longwood and to community service is an example to us all. I only have one problem—many of my students and even my wife have confused the two of us! Students have actually apologized to Pinkey for missing my class," stated Wayne McWee, acting dean of the College of Business & Economics. Dr. McWee has known Pinkey for 20 years, both on campus and on the little league fields. "If I

have to be confused with anyone, I am glad it is Pinkey. I respect him tremendously." When asked about his life outside Longwood, Pinkey says, "Worsham Baptist is my hobby. We have great worship and fellowship and I invite any student to come join our service. Just telephone me to arrange a ride." Baldwin also volunteered for the rescue squad for

over 15 years and encourages students to get involved in some sort of community service. Pinkey and his wife, Brenda, have two sons, John and Pinkey Byrd Baldwin III, better known as Pee Wee. Pee Wee is an administrative program specialist in the mail department at Longwood. "Longwood has changed a lot, but we continue to have some of the best people working here. I am especially proud of the people in the facilities department. They are dedicated to their job/trade and produce quality work day-in and day-out," concluded Baldwin.

LONGWOOD UNIVERSITY Catch the Spirit

For 33 years Pinkey has walked to work, back home for lunch, back to work and back home at the end of the day, approximately four miles a day. Rain, snow, heat, cold, etc.—nothing stops him. He loves his home, his job, and walking so he combines them with determination.

"Pinkey Baldwin is one extraordinary man, often pulled in many

Upcoming events:

Monday, September 8 at 1 p.m.

Topping off Ceremony of the Rotunda Dome skeleton framework atop Main Ruffner.

Thursday, September 11 at 10 a.m.

Unveiling of the Longwood University historical highway marker at the corner of Main and Redford streets.

My Two Cents

Willard A. Vaughn
Opinion Editor

Well before we knew what hit us, a new semester was upon us full of delightful opportunities, a brand new world of learning and education, and the chance to meet and greet some of the greatest people on earth.

Yeah right. A new year is upon us and so I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Willard and I will be writing this feature that will showcase all of the questions about love, sex, relationships, friendships, and the mysterious opposite sex that all of you have been dying to ask for your entire lives but were afraid to do so.

This article was written last year by the great Adcock who has since graduated and moved on to bigger and better things. So I decided to pick up the torch (and the burden) and carry it with me for the next year.

I don't pretend to have all the answers, nor do I claim to be an expert on human relations, but I

will do my best with the experience and education that I have to help you out.

But enough of that introduction stuff, let's get on to the question.

Dear Willard:

I was at a party last weekend and some girl came up to me and started talking and stuff. One thing led to another and we ended up having hot monkey sex all over my living room, kitchen, and bedroom. It was great.

Anyway, the next day I wake up to a note on my pillow saying "thanks" with her phone number on it. I call her a couple of days later and she says that her parents are in town and she wanted me to meet them.

So Willard, what do I do? Obviously one night of drunken passion does not equal a relationship that qualifies meeting her parents, but then again, I don't want to be rude and blow her off.

*Sincerely,
Too much fun*

Well, Too Much Fun, I must applaud you for not being the type of person to just blow some-

one off, especially someone that obviously has relationship and intimacy issues.

I would make sure that she understood what went on between you and what it meant to both of you. It may be that even though large amounts of booze were influencing her decision making abilities, she was still looking for love in all the wrong places.

If talking to her doesn't work, it may be in your best interest to run as far away from this girl as humanly possible. Like I said, she obviously has issues that you don't want to deal with, and you shouldn't have to. Try to let her down gently, but if she's not having that, be a dick.

If any of you have any questions or comments, feel free to send them to rotunda@longwood.edu with "Willard" as your subject. Don't be stoned, I won't use your real name. Always remember to be careful with each other's hearts; the next one that breaks might be yours.

The Office of Leadership
and New Student
Programs and
Orientation Leaders and
the members of S.E.A.L
welcome the

Class of 2007

We hope that you have
enjoyed Preview, the New
Lancer Days, and
challenge you to continue
spreading new inspiration
and Longwood Lancer
spirit across our campus!

Calendar

August 29- September 4, 2003

Friday
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Men's Soccer
@Tusculum (Tenn.)
5 p.m.

LP Movie
Matrix Reloaded
ABC Rooms
7:30 p.m.

Blu Sanders
Cafe
10 p.m.

Saturday
30

Men's Soccer
@Tusculum (Tenn.)
3 p.m.

Women's Soccer
@Elon (N.C.)
4 p.m.

Field Hockey
@Georgetown (D.C.)
12 p.m.

Sunday
31

Field Hockey
@American (D.C.)
2 p.m.



Monday
1

Rotunda Meeting
Student Union (across
from the Post Office)
7:30 p.m.

Labor Day!!!!
NO SCHOOL

Tuesday
2

SGA Meeting
Lankford ABC Rooms
3:45 p.m.

Women's Soccer
@Campbell (N.C.)
7 p.m.

Wednesday
3

Men's Soccer
vs. Elon (N.C.)
7 p.m.

Just for Seniors
Career Center
4-5 p.m.

**Resume and Cover
Letter Writing**
Career Center
7-8 p.m.

Thursday
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Jarman
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Career Center
6-6:30 p.m.

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Career Center
7-8 p.m.



Football Jerseys Aren't Just for Fans

U-WIRE

Most college undergrads weren't even born when the United States Football League existed for three seasons during the mid-1980s.

But, thanks to the retro trend, teams like the Oakland Invaders, Pittsburgh Maulers, and Houston Gamblers live on, if only on t-shirts.

"Clearly, most of our college customers have never heard of the USFL and could care less about some old football teams from 20 years ago," said Chris Anderson, whose five-year-old company, Classic Sports Logos, manufactures and markets t-shirts featuring the authentic logos of more than 250 now-defunct sports teams and leagues.

"What's important to them is

that no one else on campus has a shirt like it."

When Anderson and his brother launched their website in 1998, their target market was sports fans, primarily men, who remembered the old teams. And while those customers still make up the bulk of their business, more recently, they've seen a younger consumer - including many women - visiting the site.

"This isn't about sports; it's about fashion," said Anderson.

"A lot of the teams we carry from the 1970s had funky logos and names and very unique colors - orange and purple, mustard and brown, orange and light blue - that teams today would never use."

Besides outlandish colors, customers are drawn to the obscurity

and the genuineness of the teams, all of which actually existed, though in some cases for only short time.

"These teams may not have played for long, but there's something authentic about them. Something kind of innocent," said Anderson, whose warehouse is just two blocks from the campus of Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

"The Hawaii Volcanos may have only played for one season - in 1979 - but there's a mystique about them. The old Michigan Stags didn't even play a full season in 1974, but they bring us back to a different time, when it wasn't all about big money and TV contracts and shoe endorsements. People are looking for something real."

Tongue in Cheek

By Ellie Woodruff



Things I Like To See #12:
Suicidal Ice Cream Cones

Merk's: "Where Families Come Together to Dine"

Huston Daniels
Style Editor

Sick of eating "industrial strength" food found at McDonalds', Taco Hell, Wendy's, Burger King, and Kentucky Fried Chicken?

Have you been one of the customers waiting for hours for the food at the new Applebees?

If your appetite is growing bored with the usual student eateries in Farmville or if your pockets are going broke, you should give Merk's a try.

Many students are unaware that this small, family owned restaurant even exists. Located

just outside of town, one mile past Charlie's on Main Street toward Cumberland, the menu at Merk's is full of home-cookin' that will surely feed your fancy, no matter what it is.

With everything from subs, sandwiches, and pizza to steaks, quesadillas, and home baked desserts, all of which are affordably priced, there is plenty to choose from for even the pickiest of taste buds.

Open from 6-10 Monday through Thursday, till 11 on Fridays, and from 7-11 on Saturdays, you should stop in sometime and give Merk's a try.

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Horoscopes

by: Sam Wise-Ridges

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22)

Happy Birthday to all of our Virgo readers. If life has got you down, grow up.

Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22)

He knows you dream about him naked.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Stop laughing at Metamucil and Citrucel commercials because God will plug your butt, and laugh heartily at your constipation.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

The fire of your teachers will rain down on you if you don't stop flatulating in class. Don't burn your britches.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Your youth does not put you at a lower risk for brain cancer caused by cellular telephones. Detach those phones from your ears, FRESHMEN.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

This is not a good year for education. Keep your bags packed.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

The weeks to come are looking much brighter for you than weeks passed- when pigs fly that is. Put on your wings, and head for the air-strip.

Aries (Mar. 21-April 19)

Check your ceiling tiles: you never know what former residents have left for you. You may find gold or a dead rat.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Good things come to those who wait...

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Forget all your fears; drink more beers.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

If your dandruff is crawling... welcome to Longwood. You have caught more than the spirit.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Is anyone monitoring the underground piss pot? Just think of all the possibilities for that garage.

Women's Soccer Gets Ready for Division I

Lauren Cooper
Asst. Sports Information Director

Longwood University will enter its 2003 women's soccer campaign with a talented and experienced roster under the guidance of 10th-year head coach Todd Dyer '93.

The Lancers return six starters among 13 letter winners, and have added 10 newcomers as the program looks to post another successful season.

Longwood will open this Saturday, August 30, on the road in North Carolina at NCAA Division I Southern Conference member Elon University.

Longwood finished 15-3-1 a year ago, winning its first CVAC Tournament Championship. The Lancers, however, will compete as a Division II independent this fall as the institution begins its four-year transition toward Division I re-classification.

"Winning the conference last fall was the culmination of a lot of hard work over the years by some very special people that finally paid off," said Dyer.

"Now our challenge is to lead the program to Division I status while maintaining the level of success that we all worked so hard

to establish. I'm excited about this unique opportunity and I know we have the student-athletes to lead the way."

Returning senior starters include forward Phoebe Munson/Virginia Beach (13g, 9a), and midfielder Gina Powell/Bowie, Md. (6g). Munson, an All-Region selection last year, ranks second in career goals with 39 and should surpass the school-record of 44 (Erin Hirschi, 1997-2000).

"Our current seniors got to experience a championship last year as juniors, and I know they'll do everything possible to make sure they leave the program with that same type of feeling," explained Dyer.

Returning junior starters include keeper Lindsay Naill/Alexandria (0.42gaa, .849sv%, 12Sho), and midfielder Mikaela Bizer/Annandale (3g, 3a). Naill ranked fourth nationally in goals-against average (0.42) last year.

"We have a team full of leaders and our juniors are no exception," added Dyer.

"I'm sure they'll help build the foundation to make us successful against Division I competition."

Returning sophomore starters include midfielder Melissa

Cary/Bristow (2a) and defender Tiffany Rice/Virginia Beach (2g, 4a).

"Our sophomore class was such an instrumental part of our success during their freshmen year," stated Dyer.

"They will continue to be the cornerstone of our program's



growth and success over the next several years."

Other returning juniors include forward Christine Clay/Amelia (4g, 2a), defender Laura Kilmartin/Virginia Beach (4a), midfielder Rachel Krekorian/Virginia Beach (1g), defender Stef Langton/LaPlata, Md. (1g), and forward Sarah Mathis/Richmond (3g, 1a).

Additional sophomores back are midfielders Amanda Guckian/Stafford (6g, 1a) and April Lockley/California, Md.

(1g, 3a).

The 10 newcomers include redshirt freshman Stacy Crites/Manassas, along with true freshmen Nicole Bossieux/Mechanicsville, Kelsie Bradberry/Richmond, Sarah Carter/Fredericksburg, Tiffany Crane/Virginia Beach, Anna Gravely/Virginia Beach, Carly Kubler/Union Hall, Whitney Slack/Leesburg, Heather Storrle/Spring Grove, Pa., and Lexi Torrice/Richmond.

"I'm very excited about this year's freshmen class," said Dyer.

"It is a very deep class and we have added a great deal of skill and quickness with this group."

Nearly half of this class earned either All-State or All-Metro honors during their senior high school seasons. They are "winners" at the club and high school level and this is a great asset in

building a Division I soccer program."

Longwood will play a 16-match schedule, highlighted by six Division I opponents. In addition to Elon, the Lancers will play Division I Big South Conference members Liberty, VMI, and High Point; Atlantic Sun Conference member Campbell; along with Howard of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.

Division II opponents on the schedule include Francis Marion, Barton, Tusculum, Pfeiffer, Queens, Clayton College and State, Kennesaw State, and Lees-McRae.

Rounding out the schedule are Division III in-state opponents Roanoke and Christopher Newport. Coach Dyer will once again be assisted with the program this year by fourth-year assistant coach Kayla Miller.

New Soccer Coach

Sam Clegg
Guest Writer

Dave Barrueta is Longwood's new head coach for the men's soccer team. Barrueta comes with an extensive list of strong credentials.

His most recent coaching experience was at Division I Mercer University in Macon, Georgia. He was formally the head coach of the men's club soccer team at Georgia Tech. He was also an assistant men's soccer coach at Division I Yale University from 1996-97.

Barrueta played collegiate soccer at Division I Rutgers University and Loyola (Md.) College, as well as a playing career in the professional ranks. He has played for the Maryland Boys (1997, APSL), Baltimore Boys (1993-96 USISL), as well as professionally for the New England Revolution (1996, MLS), and the Atlanta Ruckus (1996, A League).

Barrueta hopes to achieve success with the program by focusing on a dedicated training regimen centered toward defense. He believes the Lancers can meet this goal even with their challenging Division I schedule, by play-



ing consistent and mistake-free soccer. Barrueta has gone as far as recruiting international talent to integrate their quick game play both on and off the ball. He plans to integrate his new ideas in order to prepare his young talented squad to achieve success in the NCAA Division I ranks.

"Integrity, honesty and fiercely competitive ... these are some of the qualities that come to mind when I think of Dave Barrueta. I played college ball with him for three years and enjoyed his friendship greatly. He will be an asset to Longwood's current and future student-athletes," said Alexi Lalas, an MLS soccer player.

Longwood's Sports Teams Goes Division I

Lauren Cooper
Asst. Sports Information Director

Longwood University President Dr. Patricia Cormier recently received a letter from the NCAA stating that the organization's Division I Management Council Membership Subcommittee has approved the institution's move into the first year of a four-year provisional membership period toward Division I reclassification.

Dr. Cormier had informed the NCAA last fall of Longwood's intention to reclassify its intercollegiate athletic program to Division I as part of an overall strategic plan to raise the visibility and profile of the University.

As Dr. Cormier said recently, "We have made our first successful step to Division I and this is a natural and logical move for

Longwood. Our academic profile has been raised over the past few years and we believe that Division I status will enhance both our institutional image and our recruitment efforts. Our student-athletes deserve to play at that level and we look forward to developing some great rivalries."

During the upcoming year, Longwood must satisfy the following requirements of the NCAA: compliance with all minimum contests and participation requirements for sports sponsorship as set forth in Bylaw 20.9.3.3; submit a strategic plan based on feedback from the previous plan; apply Division I legislation to the greatest extent possible; participation at the NCAA Convention by the chief executive officer, the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics repre-

sentative, and the compliance coordinator; attendance (by the same representatives mentioned previously) at an orientation session conducted by the national office related to the application of Division I legislation and issues impacting Division I; and submit an annual report and updated strategic plan by June 30, 2004 based on feedback from the previous year's annual report.

"The receipt of this letter from the NCAA is just one more step in the evolution of the Longwood athletics program," commented Director of Athletics Rick Mazzuto.

"It's also one more indication that we're handling reclassification the right way and are on schedule." Longwood University completed its NCAA-mandated one-year "exploratory period" during 2002-03.

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Longwood Opens Year with Largest Total Enrollment Ever

Press Release

Longwood University opened the new school year on Monday, August 25 with 4,200 students, the largest undergraduate student body and total enrollment in its 164-year history.

An application increase of 9 percent over last year and 24 percent over the 2001 applicant pool

made the admissions process more competitive than in previous years.

Also adding to the competition for the limited number of new student slots was the quality of the applicants.

According to Bob Chonko, director of admissions, the academic qualifications of the applicants were the "strongest in my

17 years at the University. Only 64 percent of the applicants were offered admission."

New to campus will be 890 freshmen and 210 transfer students. SAT average scores for freshmen rose 12 points to 1085 and the grade-point average rose to 3.3.

The grade-point average for transfer students rose to 3.1.

The new class of 2007 includes a 2.8 percent increase in diversity and the highest number of new male students in Longwood history, and 3.6 percent increase over last year's entering class.

The new class represents 21 states and Denmark. Longwood's newest major - Criminology and Criminal Justice - enrolled 33 new students and is predicted to

continue to be popular in the future.

The education programs also continue to be strong, both in interest and in the quality of enrolled students; 194 new students are enrolled in liberal Studies for elementary and/or middle school education alone.

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Construction Continues, Nears Completion



Liz Richards
Editor-In-Chief

With the opening of Grainger last week, and the completion of Brock Commons within sight, Brent Douglass, Director of Facilities Management, and the rest of his team are busy rebuilding the campus.

Plans for the new science building were finalized last week, and it's projected to open in the spring of 2005. Brock Commons will be completed in November, with a grand unveiling ceremony scheduled for November 8.

The final touches are being made to the

landscaping behind the Lankford Student Union, which saw a newly renovated café open to the students last week. Two of the next projects in line are the new recreation center and the new Theatre and Communications Studies building.

The recreation center will be located on the side of the lower Frazer parking lot, construction will begin in the fall of 2004, and it's projected to open in the fall of 2005. The new Theatre and Communications Studies building will be located adjacent to Wygal and Bedford. Construction will begin in the fall of 2004, and it's expected to open in the fall of 2005.

Thrifty Alternative Contributes to Community

Liz Richards
Editor-In-Chief

Madeline's House Thrift Shop, located behind McDonald's, is the newest store to open in town.

It's a consignment store which receives its merchandise through donation, and sells it to the public "at a very reasonable price," according to the store manager, Linda Fox.

All the proceeds from sales are

given to Madeline's House, a shelter for battered women. The shelter provides 24 Hour Hotline, referrals to doctors, victim support, and education through local schools.

It services Amelia, Brunswick, Buckingham, Charlotte, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Halifax, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Nottoway, Powhatan, and Prince Edward County, and runs solely

on donations.

Madeline's House Thrift Shop originally was an idea that Louisa Lackey, Manager of the Longwood Bookstore. As part of a group project for "Leadership Farmville," a community involvement initiative, Lackey came up with the idea for the thrift store.

See **MADLINE** p4

Swappers Beware

U-Wire and staff

Arguments and controversy have arisen recently over what music industry officials are calling "piracy," involving Internet users downloading copyrighted materials by using peer-to-peer service provider.

The activity, known as "file sharing," sparked by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) to start gathering evidence against individuals to prepare lawsuits against those who offer "substantial amounts" of copyrighted music online, raising the possibility of college students being sued by the industry.

"For each occurrence of an illegal song on your PC that the RIAA finds you can be sued for \$150,000," said Longwood Assistant Vice President of Information and Instructional Technology Services Frank Moore III. "I think if you ask the RIAA, the fact that you have an illegal song on your PC, even if you are not sharing it, is probably problematic."

"The law is clear," said Cary Sherman, president and general counsel for the RIAA. "This activity is illegal, you are not anonymous when you do it, and engaging in it can have real consequences."

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Photo by: Nick Elam

Read about Longwood's parking situation, and other fun parking facts on page 5.

Words From the Editor



we are at the second issue.

Lately I've been trying to get myself into shape, and let me tell you...running is tough; I don't care what anyone says.

I am a pretty avid exerciser, but over the summer I injured my ankle and had to stop running altogether.

Recently I've started to hit the pavement again, and I feel as if my body is screaming at me, "NO! STOP THIS TORTURE!"

Wow, what a week. The first issue went out, a full week of classes is now over, and here

There are areas where I'll go running that have less incline than an anthill, yet I feel as if my heart is going to explode out of my chest, and that's after one little mile!

It's almost masochistic the way I'm treating myself, but I did it today and I'll do it again tomorrow.

After all, what's the use of sitting on my arse when I have some perfectly functioning legs that can be used to get me moving?

As lazy as I want to be, I feel like a million bucks after my daily run, even if it lasts just twenty minutes.

In some ways I feel this way about school too.

It's tough getting back in the swing of things, and classes are

torture, but I still continue to go.

I'll take a little time, but I know that I'll be grateful that I got my stuff done. The fruits of my labor will taste especially sweet at the end of the year when I'll be able to walk across the stage and get my diploma.

So tomorrow morning, after my two mile (if I'm lucky) run, I'll get a shower and drag my butt to class, with the mindset that every step is one closer to my own finish line.

Liz Richards

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Editor-in-Chief

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The Rotunda is an equal opportunity volunteer organization and is looking for people who are interested in writing or layout. We currently have positions available and ask anyone who is interested to come to our meetings, Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

The Hitchin' Post

Traditionally marriage is supposed to be a commitment for life.

This means that two people put up with each other for the rest of their earthly existence.

It's a pretty difficult and amazing thing when you think about it.

And I have been recently, with only two weeks to go until I agree to enter into an eternal bond.

Over the past three years, my fiancé and I have made it through some pretty difficult times in our relationship, and are confident that our love for one another is strong enough to make it for the long haul.

We are certain of this because experience has taught us to avoid certain potentially relationship ending topics.

It's a small list, but each topic packs the strength of the atomic bomb.

Baseball is at the top.

My family is from New York, and I like winners. My fiancé, unfortunately, finds a strange romance in the perpetually under-achieving Red Sox.

We each check the standings on our own time (I try to hide my smirks) and the American pastime is never mentioned while we are in the same room.

The second issue, we recently discovered while registering for gifts in Bed, Bath & Beyond, is dishes.

It sounds weird, I know, but I have worked in restaurants for years and recognize the importance of a simple, large plate to accentuate the qualities of the food.

My fiancé likes mix and match china with hand painted cows and roosters.

If I am serving steak I don't want my guests to finish their meal only to find the cheery visage of the animal they just ate staring up at them.

We quickly added dishes to the list after realizing that, had the scanning guns been real the store would have to be renamed - Bodies, Broken & Bloody.

The dishes are just a part of the third item on our "Don't you go there list," - the wedding itself.

See, I don't care what happens on the day of the wedding as long as it ends with a ring on my finger and my new wife by my side.

The problem is the conflicting visions of my parents and my fiancé, big extravaganzas and small simple eloquence respectively.

My only wish is that it be perfect for those that I love.

But who is that?

Is it my fiancé with whom I will share my life with or my parents who gave birth to me and raised me to be who I am (and are also picking up a large chunk of the wedding bill)?

Walking this tightrope I have gained a new understanding of what a wedding really is.

I had always assumed that it was just a ceremony and party celebrating a marriage.

It's not.

It is in fact the final test, the rite of passage before entering into married life.

I have had to fight (tooth, nail, and elbow at times) with my parents just to keep the wedding as small (ha!) as it currently is.

I have had to tell those that reared me, "No! This is my life, and this is how it will be lived!"

A wedding is the true conclusion to childhood.

You enter into it as a son or daughter, and leave as man and wife.

Forever.

Nick Elmes

Nick Elmes
Assistant Editor

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The Persecution of the Greek Community

Timothy Kiser

Vice-President, Alpha Sigma Phi

A persecution is under way at our university.

For numerous reasons, forces in the administration of this school seek to phase out the Greek Community to the point of eventual extinction. An anti-Greek sentiment has existed for several years now, propelled by stereotypes portrayed in the media and the actions of individuals.

Yet now the movement is different.

The Greek Community is responsible for decades of service to the school, in a multitude of forms. The fraternities and sororities of Longwood do endless hours of work on campus, such as trash pick up, sponsoring of essential school events, attending guest speakers, and countless other tasks.

We, the fraternities and sororities, perform hours of service in all areas of the community, like adopt-a-highway or other individual organization charities.

We also constitute a considerable percentage of the patronage for many of the businesses in the town of Farmville.

The list of things we do for the school and the community is far too lengthy to expand on here.

Suffice it to say that, despite our service and goodwill towards the school, it is not only unappreciated, but returned in the form of punishment.

The school, through its actions and implications, has shown that the Greek Community is not wanted here at Longwood, at least not in any recognizable form.

Members of all organizations, both male and female, undergo ongoing sanctions, often based on ridiculous charges.

Individuals in the university have an obvious agenda to, for lack of a better word, "persecute" the Greek Community.

Their exact goal is unknown to all but themselves. However, it is apparent that they want us steadily removed from the campus, and then steadily relocated out of the community.

Chapter rooms that were once free are now being charged an annually increasing rent, which will reach an outrageous sum in the next couple of years.

They intend to quietly relocate us to apartment complexes far from campus as they continue to "phase us out" as organizations.

They have allied themselves with the conservative officials of the town against their own loyally involved students.

Now, organizations with a house cannot even have a party of legally aged guests of a reasonable amount. The police are quickly converging on any such house on false charges, and mercilessly charging the tenants with heavy fines and sanctions.

One might ask, what happened to the days when a police officer would come to your house and be reasonable, giving a warning and allowing the tenants to turn down the music, or have their designated drivers commute people to their homes if it is time to leave?

Apparently, those days are gone. Apparently, it is no longer within the confines of common sense to accept the fact that 18 to 22 year olds (or the few of us a little older than that) are human beings and want to have a good time in between the demands of college classes and commit-

ments.

Everyone of middle age or older who attended college partied and had fun. If they say they didn't they're lying. And if they didn't then they have missed out.

So, while the Greek Community constitutes a large percentage of the student body, and while the work we do and the time we give for the school is enormous, what do we get for this?

We get a Greek Week and a pitifully waning Greek Awards night. And besides that?

Nothing.

The school does little for us other than burden us with ever increasing financial obligations, even as they seek to remove us from the radically new "University" visibly rising from the ground around us.

Furthermore, they aggressively punish us for what was once commonplace, and seek constantly to find ways to sanction us through their high and mighty J-board.

Enough is enough.

The members of our Greek Community have had enough of this hypocrisy.

Speaking on behalf of my own fraternity, as well as involved members of other organizations, we have decided that we are tired of working so hard for the brotherhood and sisterhood we so deeply cherish only to have it systematically worn away by political agendas.

This is a declaration to anyone who wishes to dissolve our organizations. We will not tolerate it.

In closing, I ask that any member of the administration, the community, the school body, or any other institution that has qualms, fears or bitterness towards the Greek Community to confront us on a diplomatic level. You will find that we are more than willing to discuss any misgivings in a reasonable manner.

props and drops

Props:

- + To the new Assistant Director for Commuter Life and Leased Properties.
- + To the personnel in the Financial Aid Office.
- + To sparkling personalities.
- + To folk music.
- + To Professor Whores (sucking up has never been so much fun).

Drops:

- To enforcement of the 15mph speed limit (or having said speed limit in the first place).
- To tickets for parking in the correct space, parking decal and all.
- To people who suds the fountains.
- To the inability to upgrade dorms for personal air conditioning units; it's not that hard.

Speak Out

What advice do you have for all the freshmen?



"Have as much fun in the four years as you can have."

--Matt Gillette, Senior



"Don't loose sight of who you are. Get involved as much as you can but don't forget you're a student first."

--Audra Long, Sophomore



"Be stingy with who you trust until you know who you're dealing with."

--Lynsey Riddle, Sophomore



"Find something you love: citizen leadership does not lend itself to involvement, however involvement lends itself to leadership of a greater kind."

--Amy Whipple, Junior

Longwood Alum / Army Lieutenant Colonel to Speak at Convocation

Press Release

Troy Little, a 1984 Longwood graduate who is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army, will be the speaker for Convocation on Thursday, September 11, at 4 p.m. in Jarman Auditorium, which officially opens the academic year.

Little, an expert in the field of weapons of mass destruction, is a veteran of Desert Shield/Desert Storm and other contingency/crisis operations in Afghanistan, Haiti and Somalia, and he has traveled extensively throughout the Middle East and Europe.

He has received numerous awards and decorations, including the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

He is currently serving as the Command Force Protection

Officer, NATO Headquarters, United Kingdom. Little was in Longwood's Army ROTC program and was commissioned as an infantry officer after graduating with a B.S. in psychology.

He is president of the African-American Alumni Special Interest Group, which organized and endowed the Dr. Edna Allen Scholarship, honoring a longtime social work professor and announced in July 2001. He and his wife, the former Karen Watson, a 1985 Longwood graduate, have two sons. Seniors and cappers should line up on Wheeler Mall at 3:15 p.m.

A picnic on Lankford Mall (\$5 for faculty and staff) will follow Convocation. Longwood's Convocation features the longtime custom of seniors being capped with colorfully decorated mortarboards prepared by their "big sisters" and "big brothers."

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Sherman said the RIAA is seeking all persons distributing large amounts of copyrighted material.

"Does that include college students," he asked. "Sure."

"One RTA reported that everyone is file sharing in Frazier," said Moore. "We have never received a subpoena from the RIAA, but I have made the president aware that it is going to happen eventually. We are just waiting for the first one."

The RIAA has issued about 1,000 subpoenas to universities around the United States, seeking the names of students participating in file sharing.

In April the company sued four college students for file sharing on college networks.

The suits were filed out of court, with the student agreeing to pay between \$12,000 and \$17,000 to the music industry over the next several years.

"And you think student loans are expensive," said Moore.

He added that there is a plan of action lined out should the school be subpoenaed to release information a student for file sharing.

"The first thing I'll do is call the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Virginia," he explained. "Then I will contact the chief

information officer, and then the network security administrator."

He explained that in addition to the legal issues file sharing can cause serious problems for the operation of the university's network.

"It got to a point a year and a half ago where we couldn't even upload payroll to Richmond because the students were clogging all of the bandwidth," said Moore. "A couple of years ago I had the network administrator run into my office saying the network in the Collonades kept collapsing. A student had downloaded a crystal clear copy of 'Iron Monkey' and 200 people were trying to copy the file at the same time."

"That was the first instance where we knew there was going to be problems," he added.

Moore said Longwood was trying to reduce file sharing through education programs and a new technology called Packeteer.

"It looks at the packets of data going across the network to see if they are MP3s," he said. "We are throttling back the speed of the huge DS3 pipeline down to next to nothing for these MP3s."

He added that Longwood also uses a service called NETPD which notifies the University if students have illegal files on their computers.

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Not long after her presentation of the idea, were plans in the works to open an actual thrift store in town to benefit a local charity.

Madeline's House Thrift Shop showcases items like furniture, clothing, they even have hospital beds. All items are sorted and sanitized, and what is sellable is what gets put on display.

"We have had such a terrific turnout," said Fox. She attributes the influx of sales to good word of mouth, the low prices, and faith. "I really believe God has called upon me to do this job, and I think my faith has had a lot to do with why I got this job," said Fox.

With specials like "brown bag sales," which customers can fill a paper grocery bag with clothes and take it home for five dollars, or complete bed sets for seventy five dollars, Fox believes the store will continue to have good business.

For information on how to donate to Madeline's House Thrift Shop, call 395-1255.

ENROLLMENT cont'd p.1

The College of Business and Economics welcomes 178 new students.

Dr. Patricia Cormier, president, noted that the University's planned growth is progressing at a rate to not overcrowd the residential and academic facilities.

The reopening of Grainger Hall has provided needed academic space in a high-tech, state-of-the-art educational facility.

As Dr. Cormier stated during the recent dedication, "This building is unique on Longwood's campus, and one of only a few in the nation that is totally wireless. In Grainger, students do not need to physically connect their laptops to data ports to access the Internet. Students can walk around this beautiful new building while they surf the web."

Work is also well underway on a reconstruction of Ruffner Hall and the signature Rotunda that was destroyed in a fire in 2001.

Future campus construction and re-construction will meet the needs of projected future enrollments. Brock Commons, a beautifully landscaped central promenade that will transform and unify the campus, will be completed in November.

Elsewhere, ground was broken over the summer on a new science building that will be one of the best undergraduate science facilities in the state and a new student center is in the planning stages.

According to Dr. Cormier, "These new facilities will provide our faculty and students with the very best technological infrastructure so necessary in the 21st century."

This year, Longwood begins a four-year reclassification process in its move to NCAA Division I.

According to Rick Mazzuto, director of athletics, the move to Division I will provide benefits to both fans, students, and student-athletes: "Fans should expect that recruiting networks for sport teams will cast a wider net both domestically and abroad. The core of student-

athletes will continue to come from the Commonwealth but expect a greater diversity of student-athletes to enroll at the University."

Recent additions to the town are also having a positive impact on the University.

The new apartment complexes and restaurants have made Farmville more appealing to traditional-aged college students.

A significant increase in the number of visitors to the admissions office this summer indicates that future students are becoming more aware of all that Longwood and Farmville can offer and that the growth will benefit both the town and the University. Longwood begins the new academic year with some additional good news from U.S. News & World Report.

For the sixth year in a row, Longwood is ranked as one of the top public universities in the South in the new 2004 U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges Survey: #10 in the category "Top Public Southern Universities - Master's."

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'The Rapid Population Growth and
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Wygall Auditorium

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Business & Economics,
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Reception to Follow

The Longwood Parking Situation: Going From Bad to Worse

Liz Richards
Editor-In-Chief

Parking pass fees are the highest they have ever been, the enrollment rate seems greater than the number of parking spots available, and with all of the construction, the number of parking spots has dwindled.

"I guarantee that the top complaint at most schools is their parking situation. Longwood isn't the only university with a parking problem.

We are doing our best to accommodate everyone, but it's hard to do that with all of the construction," said Laura Rice, Parking Services Manager.

The recent jump in parking decal prices is a result of the construction of the parking deck. "The underground [parking] deck isn't funded by the Brock Commons grant money. Longwood has to fund that ourselves.

We know that enrollment is rising, and more students are coming here, so we need to open up more areas for them [students] to park," said Rice.

Once the parking deck is finished, the Faculty and Staff parking lot behind Wheeler Residence Hall, as well as the Faculty and Staff spots on Franklin and Madison, will become commuter.

There is a possibility that the prices will rise again, this depends on if the school wants to continue building more parking lots.

"When the new recreation facility is built, it going up over the lower Frazer lot, which means Longwood loses over one hundred commuter spots," said Rice. "I'm not really sure where we are going to continue building these lots for the students because there is an issue of space on this campus. There isn't a lot. Unless we start buying out some of the residential properties on and around campus, there will be no places for the students to park."

Currently, all parking spots become open to the public from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. the next morning.

"Many students think they can park wherever they want after 5

p.m. So, what we [campus police] are doing is issuing warning tickets to all vehicles parked in the wrong spots. On September 15th, we will start issuing actual parking tickets, but for now the students will just get a warning," said Rice.

The current issue that Rice is dealing with is the opening of Grainger, and the lack of faculty parking located near it.

"I am always at loose ends with the students, but now the faculty that teaches in Grainger aren't happy because there is not a lot of space for them to park on that end of campus. We aren't going to mess with High street because it's so historical, but one option we have is to get rid of the bicentennial park that is right across the street from Grainger," said Rice.

Once tip of advice from Rice for students parking on campus, "don't let anyone borrow your car. You don't know where they are going to park it, and you will end up having to pay the ticket, or the fee to get it out of the impound after it's been towed."

Parking Spaces	Classification	Decals Issued
(as of September 2002)		
506	Commuter	935
560	Jr/Sr	486
505	Fac/Staff	562
336	Sophomore	480
45	Freshman	33

Non-Decal Spaces

33	Loading
28	Visitor
39	Handicap

Total spaces: 2,052

Total decals sold: 2,496

When the garage is opened, it will create 146 new spaces for faculty and staff, but only open up 70 more spaces for only commuter students.

Other Colleges and Their Parking Fees:

VA Tech - \$58/year
UVA - \$88-\$248/year
Radford - \$50/year
William & Mary - \$135/year
VCU - \$105-\$140/year

A Little Blu to Make You Happy

Singer/Songwriter Blu Sanders kicks off Lancer Production's Concert Series in Lancer Cafe

Amy Whipple
Assistant Editor

Last Friday, LU students had an opportunity to participate in an activity that included music, friends, and, yes, even beer.

Sometimes known as Lancerts, Cafe Nights offer an alternative to the normal weekend scene. Lancer Productions is in charge of a series of Friday night concerts, at times when students usually party.

"I think it's awesome having music in the cafe. It gives people an alternative to partying," said sophomore Angela Francis.

Francis is not alone; many attendees concurred with her statement. Director of the Student Union and Activities, Susan Sullivan, highly encourages students to join those who went to the first performance.

"The new addition to the cafe

provides a great atmosphere," said Sullivan.

The first of these performers was Blu Sanders, a singer/songwriter, who hailed all the way from Texas.

Sanders and his acoustic/electric guitar tour the country, playing mostly on college campuses, but not entirely.

He says there's something to playing alone in small gigs, as it lends to the starving artist atmosphere of his life, which, in turns, adds to his song.

"Something is lost when you get old and rich," said Sanders. "I enjoy that the fire, the spark, of being young is still there."

Sanders enjoys this type of life because it also affords him the opportunity to see things he never would otherwise.

"Life Farmville? I would never go there," said Sanders. "I mean,



Sanders plays his set in Lancer Cafe.

what the hell is that?"

Sanders's music is reminiscent of early James Taylor and also of some Van Morrison, which Sanders deems "required listening." His singing is passionate, yet fluid. His guitar work is simple, but strong, which shows off his poetic lyrics.

"Keep concerts on campus, and take the time to attend," said freshman Sarah Gayle. "If you didn't see Blue, you missed a really great show."

Video Showing of *The Lemon Grove Incident*,
Produced by Paul Espinosa of KPBS in San Diego, 1986
58:22 minutes

September 15, 2003 @ 11:45 am - 1:15 pm

Lankford Student Union (B Room)

'The Lemon Grove Incident' is the story of the nation's first successful legal challenge to school segregation, 14 years before the Supreme Court outlawed separation by race in the landmark case *Brown v. Board of Education*. Using a combination of dramatized scenes, archival footage, and personal recollections, the program examines the response of the Mexican-American community, along with the anti-Mexican climate prompted by the Depression era.

Jesus Rangel for the New York Times, 1986

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Questions to Lonnie Calhoun 434.395.2395

Calendar

September 4- 11, 2003

Friday
5

Men's Soccer
@VMI
4 p.m.

Interest Meeting
Gyre, Longwood's
Literary Magazine
Amelia Room
5:30 p.m.

LP Movie
Bruce Almighty
ABC Rooms
7:30 p.m.

Jennifer Marie
Singer/Pianist
Cafe
10 p.m.

Tuesday
9

SGA Meeting
Lankford ABC Rooms
3:45 p.m.

**How to Prepare
for a Job Fair**
Career Center
5-6 p.m.

Interviewing Workshop
Career Center
7-8 p.m.

Saturday
6

Comedian
Eric O'Shea
Lankford Ballroom
8 p.m.



Wednesday
10

Women's Soccer
@Francis Marion (S.C.)
4 p.m.

Just for Seniors
Career Center
5-6 p.m.

Field Hockey
@Virginia
7 p.m.

**Resume and Cover
Letter Writing**
Career Center
7-8 p.m.

Sunday
7

Field Hockey
vs. Virginia-Wesleyan
1 p.m.

Men's Soccer
@North-Carolina Pembroke
7 p.m.

Monday
8

Volunteer Orientation
Career Center
3-3:30 p.m.

**Resume and Cover
Letter Writing**
Career Center
4-5 p.m.

Rotunda Meeting
Student Union (across from
the Post Office)
7:30 p.m.

Thursday
11

Convocation
Jarman
4 p.m.

**Involvement/
Volunteer Fair**
Lankford Mall
5 p.m.

Unity Alliance
Grainger G16
8 p.m.

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My Two Cents: Why Relationships?

Willard A. Vaughn
Opinion Editor

Here it is another week and already I want to graduate. It's too bad that they won't just give me a degree for showing up. Hey, it's my senior year, I deserve a break.

Yeah right.

Anyway, before I get into the questions, several of you wanted clarification as to what exactly constitutes "hot monkey sex".

Contrary to what you may be thinking, it does not involve monkeys. Hot monkey sex is sexual intercourse that is hard, fast, and rough, and usually occurs in several different locations and in several different positions during the course of the activity.

Additionally, hot monkey sex skips the awkward foreplay and 'getting to know you' stages of the process and goes straight to the copulation stage. This is why I highly recommend hot monkey sex to anyone.

However, there is some degree of danger involved in hot monkey sex. First of all, you have to be physically fit and flexible enough to perform at the optimum level

of hot monkey sex.

Second, it is wise to pick a partner for hot monkey sex that you can easily pick up and move as need be.

There is nothing more embarrassing than engaging in hot monkey sex and attempting to move from one area to the other and realizing that this is not possible. (FYI: If it is not possible to move your partner around the room, then what you are doing is just having sex, not monkey sex.)

Finally, when picking areas to engage in the hot monkey sex, make sure that the surface which you choose is stable enough to support you and your partner in whatever position you end up.

For example, a glass table would be a very bad idea, but a kitchen countertop, on the other hand, would be a very good idea.

Now here is the question of the week:

Dear Willard:

Why is it that girls always want a relationship? Can't they just be satisfied with what they get?

Sincerely,

I know nothing about the opposite gender.

Well, I know nothing, I will attempt to answer this as concisely as possible. But be aware that there have been thousands of books written on this topic so I could go on for days and days.

All humans have a need to belong. This could mean anything from joining an organization on campus to wanting to be in a relationship. A relationship, meaning going out with someone on a regular basis exclusively, creates a different paradigm of belonging all by themselves.

People, particularly women want to feel wanted. By putting

them into a situation where you are being romantic with them and all the things that go along with that, but yet you don't want to be in an exclusive relationship with them, confuses them. Then they start wondering what is wrong with them, and it just turns ugly from then on.

Coincidentally, guys also think like this to some degree, but usually don't express it for various reasons.

Basically what I am saying is that people at this stage in their life want to believe that what they are doing is going somewhere. My

best advice to you is to examine what you want out of the relationship and go from there. If you just want to be friends, then just be friends. If you want more, discuss that with her. If you don't want either, make sure you have a reason why. You don't want to blow something off and then regret it later.

As always if you have a question about love, relationships, sex, and/or the opposite gender, feel free to send them to rotunda@longwood.edu. Remember to be kind to each other's hearts; the next one that breaks might be your own.

Rotunda Dome Signing

Public Relations

The framework for the new Rotunda dome at Longwood University is set to go up - but not before the Farmville community has a chance to sign the Rotunda.

In what is being called a "Topping Off" ceremony, the Rotunda framework will be hoisted

to the top of Main Ruffner by a 170-ton crane on Monday, September 8, at 11 a.m.

To commemorate this milestone in Longwood's history, members of the public are invited to sign the base beam of the Rotunda before the ceremony.

The pre-signing will take place

this Friday, September 5, from 3:30 to 5 p.m., and Saturday, September 6, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Facilities Management personnel at Longwood will be on hand to direct people to the signing location at the main construction

entrance on High Street. Pens will be provided.

Prior to lift-off, the beam will be signed

by selected representatives from Longwood, the architectural firm of Kuntz & Associates, English Construction Co., and the Town of Farmville.

Also that day, a U.S. flag and a Longwood flag will be raised on a flagpole that will be welded to the top of the dome framework.



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HOROSCOPES by Sam Wise-Ridges

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You will receive timely reciprocation for your good deeds after a long delay in bed.

Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22)

You will have hot monkey sex with a stranger whom you know, not in bed.

Scorpio (Oct. 23.-Nov. 21)

Sorry, you simply won't have sex, not even in bed.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is your lucky day, no wait, take the week, oh hell, take the whole month, in bed.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan 19)

What do your mom and a monkey have in common? Your bed!

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Stock up on bananas and condoms, there is a sweaty night ahead.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

Hay un mono en su cama y queso en sus pantalones.

Aries (Mar. 21-April 19)

Chi is watching you, in bed.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Spank that monkey, in bed.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

No wait, don't spank the actual monkey in your bed. Leave that to someone else.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Your future is expansive, in bed.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

You will make new friends, and visit new places, in bed.



Tongue in Cheek

by Ellie Woodruff



Things I like to see #7: Neighbors moving in with guitars and basketballs.

Dating Becomes Group Event

Wendy Gorman
U-Wire

Ah, the thrill of a big date: The careful grooming, intense wardrobe scan, and excruciating wait for the ring of the doorbell. Such thrills seem to be rather scarce in today's lifestyles.

More frequently, single people turn to peer groups as a dating method.

"There's a safety in hanging out in a group because you get to know them as a person more," said Michelle Krehbiel, a Kansas State University graduate and doctoral student in family studies and human services.

"Friendships are a good way to start in a formal relationship," Krehbiel said.

The trend is evident among students, Amy Donnelly, sophomore in business, said.

"I think people just hang out and start to see each other casually rather than getting called up and going on formal dates together," Donnelly said.

"All my friends tend to start dating that way. They don't go on dates, they just hang out with friends and meet different people through that."

Brad Simmons, junior in journalism and mass communications, also said that people are less likely to invite a person out for the evening.

"People are getting a lot more lazy and they are not as quick to go out, to take somebody out on a date," Simmons said.

Krehbiel, whose research lies primarily in teenage relationships, said that earlier generations went through more formal dating processes, but that's changing due to the rising average age of marriage.

Many young adults want to focus on their careers, she said. For them, a more casual style of dating is a preferred tactic.

"It depends on what you want out of a relationship," Krehbiel said. "What is the goal of dating? Is your ultimate goal to get a life partner?"

"I see many students who want that out of school, to find a spouse. I have some who say, 'I want to get a career and set

"I remember times when groups of young men and groups of young women found each other at hangouts, you know the popular, sort of like Arnold's place," Oldfather said.

"That phenomenon that's so much a part of the way things are done these days is not all brand-new. You still had to figure out who you wanted to get to know better."

One big change that has occurred over the years, Oldfather said, is the practice of last-minute planning.

"I remember having things nailed down for the weekend at least by the middle of the week. What you were going to do for the weekend, if you

didn't know by Thursday, you probably weren't going to do it." Donnelly said planned, formal dating has its benefits.

"I think there are advantages because you get to know a person one-on-one rather than just knowing who your friends are hanging out with," Donnelly said. Simmons also thinks there is an advantage to going out for a more structured date.

"I think they are a lot more personal, a lot more intimate, because you actually get to know a person without your friends hanging around you or people always coming in and bugging you," Simmons said.

"Me personally, I'm old-fashioned, so I'm all about taking a girl out on a date and going to see a movie or to dinner or to the park or something like that," he said.



myself up, then I'll worry about a partner."

Gone are the days when guests at a party filled out dance cards to allot intimate, one-on-one time, Krehbiel said.

"I find it interesting how the formality and expectations have changed over the years," Krehbiel said.

Michael Oldfather, associate professor of economics, said he has seen dating change from the years when he dated.

"My children range in age from 17 to 37, and none of the three ever dated quite the same way I did 40, 45 years ago or more -- in the '50s was when I was doing my dating," Oldfather said.

Oldfather said he did see similarities between the manners in which people got to know each other then and now.

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Movie Review: *My Boss's Daughter*

Liz Richards
Editor-in-Chief

Ashton Kutcher equals funny.

Have you seen *Punk'd* on MTV? Or have you caught an episode of *That 70's Show*?

The man knows his comedy, and once again he gives his audiences, oh so many laughs in his directorial debut, *My Boss's Daughter*.

Kutcher plays Tom, a guy who works for the boss from hell (Andy Richter), and is simultaneously falling in love

with the boss from hell's daughter (Tara Reid).

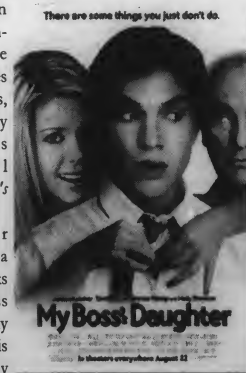
Offered a rare chance to house-sit for his boss, Tom is ready to impress his unimpressible boss while simultaneously making his move on Lisa (Reid).

Or so he thinks.

The housesitting begins with a threatening doorbell ring, and from that moment on the havoc doesn't stop.

Amidst all of his troubles (losing an owl named OJ, driving a man to suicide, etc), Tom must come to grips with the fact that he might not only

lose his job, but also the girl.



Women's Soccer Opens Season With 2-1 Victory

Sports Information

Longwood University opened its 2003 women's soccer campaign with a 2-1 upset victory on the road Saturday afternoon at NCAA Division I Elon University in North Carolina.

The Lancers received the game-winning goal from freshman Kelsie Bradberry/Richmond (Monacan) on a header at 68:48, assisted by classmate Tiffany Crane/Virginia Beach (Kellam) on a corner kick.

Longwood, competing as a Division II independent this year during the first year of its four-year transition to Division I reclassification, improves to 1-0 while Elon drops to 0-1.

The Lancers were scheduled to play again Tuesday, September 2, at Division I Campbell University in North Carolina.

At Elon, Longwood opened the scoring about midway through the first half when freshman Anna Gravely/Virginia Beach (Cox) another corner-kick play at 20:16, also assisted by Crane,

and the Lancers led 1-0 at the intermission.

The Phoenix tied the match at 1-1 early in the second half when Kerry McCarron notched a goal at 51:34, assisted by Laura Fogg, but Bradberry's late goal proved decisive.

Elon managed to take a 12-9 advantage in shots; however, Longwood took the important 5-1 edge on corner kicks that made the difference.

Freshman keeper Heather Storrie/Spring Grove, Pa. (Spring Grove) started in goal for the Lancers and played all 90 minutes and made three saves to preserve the season-opening triumph: Jessica Geguzis played the first half for the Phoenix with no saves, and Kara Zagol played the second half with two saves.

"We knew it would be a tough test starting on the road and playing against a solid DI program in Elon, but we were focused and up to the challenge," said head coach Todd Dyer.

"The key was not to give up an early goal and we defended pretty well in the beginning and

throughout the match. Our passing is getting better every game and that is important for us because it forces the other team to chase the ball and do their share of defending. Both of our goals came off of corner kicks, which is exactly what we worked on Friday in practice. On both goals, Tiffany Crane served a fantastic ball and then Anna Gravely and Kelsie Bradberry did their part with each finishing touch. We started six freshmen on Saturday and they certainly produced with both of our goals and assists.

Tiffany Rice and Laura Kilmarin were awesome in central defense and April Lockley had a very strong stretch in the second half where she was really having an effect on the game. Our goal now is to not get over confident because we know we're going to have to battle every game and really earn our results throughout the season."

Following the Campbell match, Longwood will be idle for just over a week before traveling to South Carolina to play Division II Francis Marion University on September 10.

Scoring Summary for Men's Soccer

Tusculum - Paul Hopkins (Jonathan Gordon), 6:39, Paul Hopkins (penalty kick), 30:57, Paul Hopkins (Angel Mero), 39:03, Andre Nesfield (Gerald Watt), 55:57, Paul Hopkins (Matt DeMartini), 73:57

Longwood - Stuart Bertsch (penalty kick), 43:42

Shots: TC 13, Longwood 18

Corner Kicks: TC 3, LU 3

Fouls: TC 18, LU 24

Goalkeepers

TC - J.P. Swaminathan (10 saves, 1 GA, 90 min.)

LU - Justin Brock (5 saves, 5 GA, 90 min.)

The Longwood men's soccer team suffered its first loss of the season to 17-th ranked Tusculum, 5-1, today at the Greene Coach Classic at Pioneer Field.

Tusculum College junior forward Paul Hopkins was credited for the first three goals of the match, scoring the first goal just 6:39 in, after taking a pass from junior Jonathan Gordon.

His second came off a penalty kick and junior midfielder Angel Mero assisted on his third.

Longwood made it a 3-1 match with just over a minute to play in the opening period when junior midfielder Stuart Bertsch (Norfolk, Va./Maury) converted a penalty kick past Pioneer keeper J.P. Swaminathan.

In the second half, Tusculum's

Andre Nesfield found the back of the net for the second time this season at the 55:57 mark and Hopkins added his fourth in the Greene Coach Classic at Pioneer 73rd minute.

Longwood managed to outshoot Tusculum 18-13, with Bertsch and Henrik Anerskov (Denmark/Rungsted Gymnasium) credited with one each. Freshman Justin Brock (Palo Alto, Calif./Palo Alto) made five saves for the Lancers.

The match proved to be a physical one, as the teams had a combined 42 fouls and seven yellow cards. Longwood drops to 1-1 on the season, while Tusculum remains undefeated at 2-0.

The Lancers take on NCAA Division I opponent Elon Wednesday at 7:00 on Lancer Field.

Score by Period	1	2	F
Longwood (1-1)	1	0	1
Tusculum (2-0)	3	2	5

Field Hockey 0-2 After First Weekend

Sports Information

The Longwood field hockey team was held scoreless against American University, falling to the Eagles, 4-0, at Reeves Field.

The loss drops the Lancers to 0-2 in their first weekend of action, while American improves to 1-0. American took a 2-0 lead in the first half with strong defensive efforts that prevented Longwood from taking any shots.

The Lancers failed to convert their four shots in the second half, while American tallied two additional goals.

The Eagles outshot Longwood, 23-4, with Sarah

Hitchings (Virginia Beach, Va./Kempsville), Julie Price (Stafford, Va./North Stafford), Alexis Ramey (Westminster, Calif./Marina) and Shannon Ratte (Virginia Beach, Va./Kempsville) tallying one shot each for the Lancers.

With 11 saves, Longwood goalkeeper Julie Patterson (Esmont, Va./Monticello) recorded her second-straight game with more than 10 saves.

"The team was much improved from yesterday," stated coach Joel.

"We did some nice things today out on the field. Alexis Ramey continues to play well, along with Erin Sixsmith

(Alexandria, Va./West Potomac) and Jen Hawkins (Virginia Beach, Va./Frank W. Cox) who put up solid efforts as well. The backfield greatly improved from yesterday's performance and Julie Patterson (Esmont, Va./Monticello) had some spectacular saves. I really want to acknowledge our great support that we had this weekend. The team is very appreciative and it was great to have them here."

Up next, Longwood plays its first home game against Virginia Wesleyan on Sunday, September 7. The 1:00 p.m. match-up will be on Barlow Field.

Ambassador Spotlight

By: Emily Miller

Who are the people in the blue and khaki leading around a group of parents and prospective students? They're Ambassadors!! Ambassadors hold many roles on campus; being tour guides is just one. Ambassadors work closely with Alumni Relations, as role models to other students, and work to enhance the Longwood community. Our mission statement sums up what the Longwood Ambassadors are about: Uniting the Past, Living the Present, Guiding the Future.

RA Corner: Scantly Clad Preacher's Son

You know they 'bust' people for having alcohol or extension cords, you know they do something called rounds, and you know they sometimes give you free pizza at hall programs. But do you really know who an RA is or what they do?

Each RA (Resident Assistant) on Longwood's campus comes back to school early for a full week of intensive training. Sessions include topics such as: conflict mediation, confrontation, alcohol and drugs, and sexual assault.

Learning how to handle various aspects of residential life prepares RAs to help you.

If you're interested in making a difference on campus, in affecting lives, and in having a life-changing experience, then you may want to consider becoming an RA.

Watch for advertising to begin in October that will let you know where to get an application and what the requirements are for becoming an RA. More information is also available on the Residence Education page of Longwood's web-

site. To let you in on what RAs do and to help you decide whether or not to apply to become an RA, *The Rotunda* will be publishing a story in each issue from current and former RAs. Some are amusing and some are serious, but all are true.

Just last night, I was on rounds and, as I went onto 2nd floor Cox from the stairwell, I was nearly plowed over by a naked freshman. He was holding boxers in his hand and covering his crotch (thankfully). I made him stop and he became really scared saying that he was going to be in so much trouble because his dad was a preacher! Then, his roommate came in and begged me to say it was him, so his friend wouldn't get in trouble.

- Morgan Boehning
3rd Year Resident Assistant



Credit Card Companies May Sell Information

Ryan Floersheim
U-Wire

Many students do not understand the risks associated with establishing a line of credit and they are often unaware that the University of New Mexico could be making a profit by selling their information to credit card companies after they graduate.

MBNA, the world's largest independent credit card issuer, has come under fire from public interest groups nationwide for contracting with universities to purchase student information intended to be used for solicitation for their credit cards.

According to its Web site, the credit card giant has contracts with more than three million university students and alumni.

The company also has contracts in place with more than 700 educational institutions, many of them worth more than \$2 million, in return for access to student information.

Christine Polansky, an administrative assistant at UNM's

Alumni Association, said the department has a contract with MBNA, but that it only involves the transfer of information about university alumni.

Polansky declined to comment on how the UNM graduates' information is passed to MBNA or how much the Alumni Association stands to gain from the partnership.

"The selling of information is a very common practice," said Jeanne Bassett, executive director of the New Mexico Public Interest Research Group.

"Despite increasing pressure from privacy groups, it is still perfectly legal, unethical as hell, but perfectly legal."

Bassett said the practice of selling student information doesn't stop there.

"Once they are through with someone's information, they sell it to many other companies," she said.

"The majority of our society is unaware of the information that is floating around about

them. Basically, we're being sold."

Many students and alumni said they don't appreciate mass mailings and telemarketing phone calls for credit cards.

"I always wondered how the companies got my address and phone number, because being that I couldn't afford a credit card, I never even filled out an application for one," said Joseph Chavez, a former student who attended UNM for three years.

Sharla Reinhart, membership development director for the New Mexico Educators Federal Credit Union, said while she is aware of the practice of credit companies purchasing information to solicit new members, her bank has stringent rules for whom they offer credit cards to.

"We do not even offer lines of credit to freshmen or sophomores, and though we can't deny anyone over 18 from applying, we have numerous programs in place to educate potential clients about the risks involved with credit cards," Reinhart said.

Meatless Diet Linked to Disorder

By Danielle Hillix
U-Wire

Vegetarianism may be related to a risk for eating disorders, according to a recent study.

The study, conducted at California State University-Northridge, found that college women who claimed to be vegetarians had a significantly greater risk of developing eating disorders than their meat-eating peers.

"This study is not saying that all vegetarians are destined to develop a disorder," said Ann Chapman, dietician at Watkins Memorial Health Center. "This goes on a case-by-case basis totally."

The study consisted of 143 female college students. Of these 143 participants, 30 were self-reported vegetarians and 113 participants were non-vegetarians.

According to the study, all participants were similar in height, weight, age and body mass index. In addition, there was no difference in supplement use or meal

skipping between the two groups.

Participants were asked to take the Eating Attitudes Test, a 40-item questionnaire commonly used to assess eating disorder tendencies. A score of greater than 30 indicates weight preoccupation and an increased risk for eating disorders.

Thirty-seven percent of the participating vegetarians recorded a score higher than 30. Eight percent of non-vegetarians scored above 30.

The study results showed vegetarians generally reported feeling extremely guilty after eating, as well as being preoccupied with a desire to be thinner.

Chapman said that many women used vegetarianism as a stepping stone to a dangerous diet.

"When women become restrictive with their diets due to the fear of weight gain, meat is one of the first things to go," Chapman said.

Madeline Baker, Huntsville,

Texas, junior, did not become a vegetarian to lose weight. Baker quit eating meat eight months ago because of ethical and health reasons. But she agrees with Chapman that some women become vegetarians for the wrong reasons.

"Some people use vegetarianism as an excuse," Baker said. "It's a good front in public. It's an excuse to say 'Oh, I can't eat that, I'm a vegetarian.'"

The study supports Baker's thinking. Because vegetarianism is a socially acceptable lifestyle, the study said admitting to being a vegetarian may be an acceptable method of eliminating entire food groups.

Chapman said, however, that this study does not mean vegetarianism was a dangerous lifestyle. She said that if vegetarians included essential nutrients in their diet, they would be fine.

"As long as the right components and nutrients are there, vegetarianism, and non-vegetarianism, can be healthy," she said.

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RESERVING A PLACE IN HISTORY



The Rotunda beams were open to faculty and students for signing last weekend, and President Cormier takes her turn at signing a beam Monday before the hoisting ceremony commenced. For more pictures of the Rotunda lifting, see page 4.

Responders Join Prince Edward

Willard A. Vaughn
Opinion Editor

Following a year-long study of emergency services on campus, Longwood has implemented a new way of responding to medical emergencies.

Until the spring of last year, campus police would do non-emergency transports to the hospital, as well as pick up the students after their treatment, free of charge.

"Campus Police [was] looking out for the well being of students," says Dr. Tim Pierson, Vice President of Student Affairs, "...but it was not in their nature [to provide this service]."

For liability reasons, and because officers did not necessarily possess the training to transport the sick and injured, this was stopped.

Following this, Longwood First Responders would respond on campus to all medical emergencies, no matter how minor, and then determine whether or not the person needed to be transported to the hospital or could just make an appointment at student health.

If the student needed to be

transported, an ambulance would be called.

The problem was that oftentimes the rescue squad only had one crew on duty to cover the entire county.

If they were on a call, the patient would either have to wait, or Farmville would attempt to send, the mutual aid organization, Davis Ambulance.

If no crew was available, the student would just have to wait or find someone to take them in a personal vehicle.

Starting this semester, there will no longer be a wait for the much needed emergency services on campus.

The Longwood First Responders, who have provided medical coverage to this campus for a number of years have now teamed up with Prince Edward Volunteer Rescue Squad to provide coverage to Longwood and the surrounding area.

The squad has also gone so far as to allow this new affiliate program the use of one of their ambulances, which is planned to be housed on campus once the parking garage is completed.

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Anti-Abortion Group to Visit Longwood on Day One of Tour

Farmville Second Stop on "Virginia College Campus" Tour

Amanda Segni
Staff Writer

An anti-abortion group plans to protest at Longwood and other public schools and universities throughout Virginia as part of their "Virginia Campus Outreach" starting Monday, September 15th.

It is all part of their "Face The Truth" tour, and consists of protesters from all over the country with a goal to educate

students and the general public on abortion and the use of birth control, both of which they believe to be immoral, anti-Christian practices.

It is important that this information is given before the arrival of this group to make sure all students, faculty, and staff are aware of what this group stands for, and what will be going on when they visit our campus.

This is just to prepare everyone for what they might see, hear, or experience during the

time that the protesters are here at Longwood.

These protesters are very determined to get their point across, and will use their First Amendment rights as much as they can.

If you do not wish to witness the protesting, please know that the protesters will not be allowed access to

enter the dormitories and will not be allowed to enter classrooms, for it will be considered "disturbing the peace."

These "Face The Truth" protesters are planning to arrive in Farmville on Monday, September 15th around 12:45 p.m. and will be on Longwood's Campus until about 2:30 p.m.

These protesters will arrive in trucks displaying very graphic posters and photographs that show alleged fetuses after the abortion process.

See **ANTI** p.4



Words From the Editor



A wise old man told me to never try and eat an elephant in one bite.

He was right, I shouldn't try to eat a giant mammoth when I'm never THAT hungry.

I'm one of those people that likes to get involved in things, and I mean IN-volved.

I don't join an organization,

I join five, and then move on to hold an office in all of them.

The start of every fall is always hectic, and I'm lucky if I can hold onto my sanity and make it through the first month.

All of that craziness, and exams are hiding just around the corner. Nevertheless, I can manage to hold everything together with the help of my assistants and the wonderful Java Hut.

At one point, about a year ago, I had piled way too much onto my plate.

For weeks I tried being an assistant editor for *The*

Rotunda, a sorority sister, an aerobics instructor, and an athlete, all while being enrolled in seventeen credits.

I finally took a step back, and realized what my priorities were. It took every ounce of pride to step down from one of my "duties," but in the end I was happy.

I realized that I wasn't superwoman, and I couldn't take on the world.

Every now and again, I'll lose sight of my better judgment, and add an extra helping to my (already) overflowing plate, but then I stop, and remember that my eyes are too

big for my stomach.

It's hard not to get involved at Longwood, I think the campus (almost) forces us to get involved with other students than just those those in their classes.

I've heard so many times that if "you aren't greek at Longwood, then you don't have a social life."

There is also the idea that if you aren't a "citizen leader" on campus, i.e. being involved in more than one organization, then you're good deeds will be overlooked.

A word of advice to all those workaholics, involvementa-

holics, and I-like-being-busy-a-holics out there.

Don't overdo it, take on one task at a time, and if all else fails take a day off. No one will every penalize you for taking just one day for yourself.

Remember, the elephant cannot fit on anyone's plate, not even yours, so don't try to lure him on there.

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The Rotunda is an equal opportunity volunteer organization and is looking for people who are interested in writing or layout. We currently have positions available and ask anyone who is interested to come to our meetings, Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

The Hitchin' Post

In the past week my fiancé has informed me that I will be kicked out of the house two days before the wedding ceremony.

Naturally, I was a little upset.

As if the days leading up to the event weren't stressful enough, I now have to find some place to rest my weary head and prepare for the circus.

Why, I asked.

Tradition.

This idea of traditions is so wrapped up in the wedding ceremony that I started to wonder how some of them began.

First of all, why am I being put on the street next week?

After some surfing and checking, I discovered that this is entwined in the idea that it is bad luck to see the bride before the wedding.

This tradition apparently began in the Middle Ages when marriages were more of a business proposition than a profession of love.

See, back then getting

married got you land, and a lot of the girls were apparently, well, hideous to look at.

Consequently many real estate deals fell through when the groom saw and disapproved of the fine print (his future wife).

This also led to the traditional veil and the processional process of giving the bride away.

Apparently, some land deals were so important, and the brides so ugly, that they wore veils so thick they could not see where they were going, thus the father had to lead the bride down the aisle and actually give her away.

This is not to say that all wedding traditions are based on ugly women, quite the contrary.

In fact, in Germany, during the second century A.D., many women were so beautiful that the groom had to actually steal or kidnap them from their parents.

In such an event, the groom would gather up his best knights (hence the idea of best men)

and storm the bride's abode.

During the ceremony, the bride was forced to stand to the left of the groom so that his sword hand would be free to fight off the bride's family, should they discover where the ceremony was taking place.

The newlyweds would then go into hiding until the bride was pregnant so that her family had to accept the marriage.

Some people say this is where the idea of a honeymoon comes from.

A cheerier reason can be found in Ireland during the middle ages.

There, the newlyweds were given a months supply of mead (an alcoholic beverage similar to wine, but made from honey) in order to celebrate the new union.

Now that is a tradition that I can live with.

Nick Elmes

Nick Elmes
Assistant Editor

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Persecution Too Strong of a Word

Shawn Garrett
Guest Writer

Before I submit my argument against the Op-Ed piece in the September 6th issue of *The Rotunda*, "The Persecution of the Greek Community," I'll say this on their behalf: it isn't the Greeks.

There is indeed a level of hostility (usually playful, sometimes serious) towards the Greek Community here at Longwood.

Most people have an image of frats and sororities as being these sprawling organizations lined up one after the other in a row of university-owned houses along a particular street, not a couple of guys in a room on the first floor of some high-rise.

Whether this is the fault of the school, the members, or simply limited space and a relatively small student body, I don't know. So, yes, perhaps there is an undue prejudice against the Greeks, just like the police or Republicans...well, let's not lose our heads.

But, this was not the point of the article, and it isn't mine. Mr. Kiser raises some interesting points about certain inequities imposed on the Greek community that I think could use some attention from the other side.

It takes a minute for the article to come to concrete examples of this persecution, and the first clear one is the mentioning of fees. Without talking to anyone in the administration about the reasoning behind these chapter room usage fees, two things occurred to me:

First, I wonder if some of these rooms, if not all, are

located in places that could be used, or renovated, for other purposes, such as classes, offices or other university business?

If so, it makes sense to me that, in a school growing faster than her facilities, every square foot becomes solid-gold real estate.

A reasonable fee, increased annually as financial aid requests rise and state assistance falls, doesn't seem to me like malice masking as prudence.

Second, are these rooms like most others on campus where student organizations meet? That is, are they multipurpose, or are they for the sole use of the chapter?

Perhaps if the Greek organizations used rooms like other organizations, a fee might not be in order. However, I don't mean to say the Greeks are at fault; I do understand the need for a dedicated space, and it would be great if all organizations on campus had this opportunity. I am only posing this rhetorically.

The next and subsequent points deal with parties and the seemingly unreasonable police presence.

The cops aren't out looking for a fight. Cops need two reasons to respond to suspected criminal activity: being summoned, or happening upon it. Someone is calling them or, by experience, they are arriving on their own.

Is the latter right? Just? Well, it's not my call. Were I a parent and my child were at a party where suspected criminal activity was taking place, would I want the cops to show up? Of course.

Also, they can't fine or charge you for something you aren't doing, and I doubt they would. Mr. Keiser uses the phrase "of legally aged guests" and later clarifies that as "18 to 22 year olds."

Anyone of any age can attend a party, and you are right, 18 is a legal age, but what does that matter? The cops aren't going to arrest you for smoking or voting at these parties.

I don't care what people do on their own time, and I too like to relax at a party, but the cops do care (not to mention the university), especially if alcohol is involved.

These guys aren't crooked or mean, they're professionals with a long history of dealing with college students. They know what they're doing. I'm not against parties, but neither are the cops.

And finally from the article, the "pitifully waning Greek Awards night." I just wonder how is it waning? Fewer attendees, or fewer deserving of awards, and how is this the fault of the university?

But all of this is debatable and I don't claim to be any kind of expert.

I do however think it's not a bad idea to bring up a recent attempted take over by the embattled Greeks of the Gyre office. Not only is the name on the door, but also the Gyre is very much an alive and functioning organization.

If you guys need some place to meet, you might want to check out Lancaster. I'm sure financial aid doesn't really need all that room after the year has started, or maybe Dr. Cormier's office. I'm sure she'd love to hear about the "radically new 'University' visibly rising from the ground around us."

props and drops

Props:

- + To President Cormier because we love you!
- + To passing Spanish exams.
- + To Sexual Responsibility Week.
- + To no more references to Monkey Sex
- + To trying to mail yourself home so you don't have to pay for a ticket.

Drops:

- To the overcrowded Language Labs.
- Picnic Lunches

Students Brace Themselves for Street Preacher

Trudy Berry
Guest Writer

Students expect Dennis Green, a self-described "street preacher," to conduct one of his "sidewalk" ministries on the public streets of Longwood on Monday, September 15, between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Mr. Green has targeted Longwood for his annual "Face the Truth Tour," where students expect him to demonstrate against freedom of choice agendas.

We expect Mr. Green to preach, evangelize, and distribute biased and misleading literature, and display large, graphic photos of aborted fetuses in his attempt to promote his pro-life agenda; we also expect him to protest against homosexuality.

Mr. Green is well versed on legal matters and he, and his followers who we expect to rally with him on campus, take their aggressiveness to the full limit of the law: we fully expect them to engage in antagonistic, in-your-face tactics to intimidate and anger students and cause them to retaliate against them through verbal or physical assault.

Student leaders have joined together to organize a non-verbal, non-violent counter demonstration to allow students to exercise their freedom to peaceably assemble, their right to free speech, and to exhibit their confirmation of their right to freedom of choice by distributing informative literature and displaying their own signs, posters, and banners depicting their opposing views of Mr. Green's agendas.

Additionally, your SGA is organizing a panel of student and guest speakers to engage in a peaceful, informative debate regarding abortion rights issues: all students are welcome and highly encouraged to attend this Open Forum to listen to the speakers, to ask questions, and ultimately gain more knowledge about this controversial issue. The Open Forum is scheduled for September 16 in the Student Union (Lankford) Ballroom (time TBD).

If you wish to protect your right to choose, and to join us in our counter demonstration, contact Trudy Berry (tbberry@longwood.edu), or Mike Smith (masmith@longwood.edu). Or meet us in the Ballroom where we will make signs, posters, and banners on Thursday, September 11, at 9:00 p.m.; bring your poster board and supplies (we will have limited supplies available).

If you wish to exercise your freedom of choice, before pro-life advocates rescind it, to stand with and support Mr. Green and his agendas, you are also welcome and free to do so.



Monday morning, at 11, President Cormier spoke at the hoisting of the new dome structure. Students, faculty, and townspeople had been invited to the ceremony. The finished exterior dome will be made round with the addition of wood trusses.



Division I, Here We Come

Steve Reeves
Guest Writer

Ready or not, here we come. The Longwood University Athletic teams are gearing up for what is to be an exciting year of intercollegiate sports.

The new classification of Longwood to Division I status is the outcome of an April 1999 meeting which brought up the option of re-classifying Longwood from Division II, to Division I.

The "exploratory period," which was set into place last year was the first step in a process that will take an additional four years to complete. This year the teams of LU are looking at schedules that consist of 75% Division I competition.

This increase in the number of Division I opponents will prove to be a good indication of the level of competition that will soon be seen

night in and night out.

Leleand Beale, a member of the Men's basketball team stated that this move would be a "Big step up for the University, and it would bring great things in the future."

As well as there being an increase in the number of Division I opponents, there will also be an increase in the number of scholarship grants given from 43 per year, (present amount) to 103 per year, once the school is officially classified as a Division I competitor. (Source- Athletic Director Rick Mazzuto)

This increase of almost 150% will allow for the recruiting of athletes to be done more frequently, which will in turn, raise the quality and overall skill level of the teams here at Longwood. As stated by President Cormier in a previous article entitled: "Longwood's Sports Teams

Go Division I," written by Lauren Cooper: "Division I status will enhance both our institutional image and our recruitment efforts."

In a recent conversation with Director of Athletics, Rick Mazzuto, it was mentioned that along with the newly acquired Division I status, there would also be an enhancement of on-campus sports facilities, a change that would benefit the student body, as well as the athletes.

As Longwood approaches a new phase in its development as an institution for learning, as well as a place where sports thrive, one thing is certain. Division I status will no doubt serve as a catalyst for the overall quality of the school.

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New Director of Honor and Judicial Board

Kelly Fischer
Guest Writer

A new Honor and Judicial Board director is on the Longwood University campus and he goes by the name of Richard Chassey. For those that don't know, the honor and judicial system is a huge part of Longwood University. Chassey is in charge of all three main branches which are the Honor Board, Judicial Board, and the Senate.

Richard Chassey is not new to the Virginia area. Richard was born in New York and grew up in Massachusetts and Vermont before his family moved to Virginia in the early 80s. With an impressive academic record, it's no surprise that Chassey was chosen for the job here at Longwood. Richard attended college in Michigan, where he was a Pre-

Veterinarian Science major, but soon moved over to our neighboring school, Hampden-Sydney, where he switched his major to Psychology. Chassey then went on to acquire his Masters in Counseling at the University of Virginia. He also obtained his PHD in Counselor Education and Developmental Psychology.

Richard is excited to be here at Longwood and has plans to observe the system and make changes where needed. He adds, "I admire the fact that the system is student-run." Chassey has mostly new board members for the Judicial and Honor Board but for the Senate, he says they are still working on nominations that 'should be sorted out within the next week.

When asked how students should get involved with the Honor and Judicial system,

Chassey comments on upcoming events, "Honor and Integrity week is the last week in October and there are several things going on during that week that inform students about the system. Also, students should attend the mock hearing to get a better understanding of how a hearing actually goes. Another way to get involved is to apply for the Senate which is a good balance of the Honor and Judicial system."

Richard Chassey is a good pick for the job. He strives for an honest and fair system and concludes with advice to the students of Longwood when coming to a personal trial, "The best thing to do is be completely honest, completely truthful. If they are responsible for a violation, to think about what they did and why. If there are questions and concerns, to give me a call."

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In addition, the county and the Town of Farmville are now utilizing paid crews during the weekday hours to ensure adequate coverage for the county.

This has apparently been effective; "The amount of mutual aid calls have decreased," said Joe Spota, NREMT-P, Director of Operations for Davis Ambulance.

However, the drawback to this new system is that now students could potentially be charged a great deal of money for an ambulance ride to the

hospital.

Prince Edward Volunteer Rescue Squad will bill the student's insurance first, and if there is a co-pay, it will then be the responsibility of the student.

This can be avoided by purchasing a squad care membership for \$25 a year.

This membership will cover any additional expense accrued by a trip to the hospital not covered by insurance.

It does not cover mutual aid calls, and there are no plans in the future for the University to cover this expense on behalf of the students.

Additionally, the University

does not get any part of the funds generated by the sale of the squad care memberships.

If you, or someone you know, is sick or injured on campus, 9-1-1 is still the best plan of action to ensure that any life threatening problems are adequately assessed.

Students are still able to transport people to the hospital via personal vehicles, and if the rescue squad shows up a student does not necessarily have to be transported by them.

However, in the case of severe injury or sickness, going by ambulance is still the best option.

other Longwood students, faculty, and staff do the same.

In the opinion of an anonymous student, "This is not just about abortion, this is about having the right to choose."

As far as classes and all other activities on campus are concerned, everything is to be business as usual.

It is not encouraged that students miss their classes to witness or participate in the event.

It is also important that if approached by a pro-

tester, that all students, faculty and staff of Longwood handle the situation in a calm and mature fashion, despite what the protesters say or do.

This is a matter of much importance to many women and with valid reason.

As Mahatma Gandhi once said, "We must be the change we wish to see in the world."

Speak up, now is your chance to let yourself be heard.

New Recreation Director

Stacey Klutz
Guest Writer

Over the summer, Longwood University posted an available job position for Campus Recreation Director and successfully hired Jeremy Runion.

For some students, the unfamiliar face has been seen working in the Iler Building and Lancer Gym involved in various jobs and activities.

Runion isn't from Virginia. Instead, he grew up all over the Southeast, and attended college in Knoxville, TN., where he studied and received a Bachelor's Degree in Sports Management.

He then continued with graduate work in Mississippi and earned a Master's in College Student Personnel.

While involved in undergraduate and graduate work, Runion helped construct a new recreation building, a huge project he is proud to have been a part of.

As a result, he says, "I'm looking forward to working

with the students and providing the best programs for everyone."

As Campus Recreation Director, Runion is involved in providing open gym activities such as basketball and hockey in Lancer; running the pool area and weight room, as well as filling job positions; intramural sports; and aerobic programs.

Keeping busy and working on improving the campus, Runion wanted to work at a smaller campus so he could interact and work with students in areas they enjoy, such as sports.

He's open to new ideas and carries a confident, positive attitude that will become more familiar to students, faculty, and the campus of Longwood University as the school year continues.

Runion is enthusiastic and ready to move forward by saying, "My goal for Longwood is to have the best campus rec. in the state. I believe it can happen and it will happen."

*Video Showing of The Lemon Grove Incident,
Produced by Paul Espinosa of KPBS in San Diego, 1986
58:22 minutes*

*September 15, 2003 @ 11:45 am -1:15 pm
Lankford Student Union (B Room)*

'The Lemon Grove Incident' is the story of the nation's first successful legal challenge to school segregation, 14 years before the Supreme Court outlawed separation by race in the landmark case Brown v. Board of Education. Using a combination of dramatized scenes, archival footage, and personal recollections, the program examines the response of the Mexican-American community, along with the anti-Mexican climate prompted by the Depression era.'

Jesus Rangel for the New York Times, 1986

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Questions to Lennie Calhoun 434 395-2395

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There will be protesters carrying signs, posters, and pictures, while protesting things such as: all forms of birth control (the pill/patch, Depo-Provera, and the morning-after pill), the performing of abortions, and may try to incorporate the protesting of homosexuality at this event as well.

Several students have plans to peacefully counter-protest this event, and they have asked that all

Calendar

September 12- 18, 2003

Friday
12Saturday
13Sunday
14Monday
15**FAMILY WEEKEND**

Barry Drake
60's Rock & Roll
Lankford Ballroom
9 p.m.

Men's Soccer
@ODU
4:30 p.m.

Picnic Lunch
Lankford Mall
11:30 a.m.

Cross Country
@Averett Invitational
11 & 11:45 a.m.

Tennis
vs. Shepherd (W.Va.)
1 p.m.

LP Movie
Finding Nemo
ABC Rooms
2:30 p.m.

**Second City
Comedy Tour**
Jarman
8 p.m.

Field Hockey
@IUP
10 a.m. & noon

Women's Soccer
@Liberty
4 p.m.

**NPC & IFC
Recruitment Begins**

Field Hockey
@Indiana (Pa.)
12:30 p.m.

Men's Soccer
@ODU
2:30 p.m.

Gyre Meeting
Amelia Room
6 p.m.

**Jewish Student
Organization**
Interest Meeting
Lankford A Room
7 p.m.

**Sexual Responsibility
Week Begins**

**How to Prepare
for a Job Fair**
Career Center
4- 5 p.m.

Interviewing Workshop
Career Center
7-8 p.m.

Rotunda Meeting
Student Union (across from
the Post Office)
7:30 p.m.

**Hispanic Heritage
Symposium**
See ads p. 5 and 9

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SGA Meeting
Lankford ABC Rooms
3:45 p.m.

Volunteer Orientation
Career Center
5-5:30 p.m.

Wednesday
17

Mini Job Fair
Hiner Lobby
10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Women's Soccer
@Barton (N.C.)
2 p.m.

Disney Recruitment
Wygall 204
5 p.m.

Martial Arts Club
Tabb Wrestling Room
7:30- 9:30 p.m.

Thursday
18

Unity Alliance
Grainger G16
8 p.m.

Woodburn Road
Lighthouse Cafe
9:30 p.m. \$3 cover

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Letters from London

Paula Nusbaum
Staff Writer

Hello. My name is Paula Kay Nusbaum and I am a senior English major here at Longwood University.

This semester I will be studying at the University of Westminster right in the middle of London, England.

I am very excited about this new adventure and can't wait to leave this upcoming week-end.

As a former section editor for *The Rotunda* I thought this would be a great opportunity to share my thoughts and experiences of London life with you in this weekly column.

I have never visited countries outside the US, so I am somewhat of a novice when it comes to European travel. I'm hoping that through this experience I will not only learn more about another culture, but also more about myself.

The only thing I'm expecting is the unexpected. To prepare for something you have no experience for takes the fun and adventure out of it!

So I hope you enjoy reliving my experiences this semester and will be left with a better understanding of life outside the US.

If you are considering a semester abroad, or just want to learn more about the experience, you can contact the International Affairs office, located in Lancaster 124 or call them at x2172.

You can also learn more about other cultures by getting involved in the new organization, the International Student Advisory Club, which you can e-mail at LU_ISAC@yahoo.com. If you have any questions or comments about my column while I am abroad you can contact me at pknusbau@longwood.edu.

Ambassador Spotlight

Emily Miller
Guest Writer

What is the history of Longwood's name?

Longwood University has had many names.

In 1839, when it was founded, the school was called Farmville Female Seminary Association.

In 1860, the school became the Farmville Female School. The school became the first state institution of higher learning for women in Virginia when it became the Normal School.

As the curricula expanded, the named changed. In 1914, it became the State Normal School for Women, then the State Teachers College at Farmville in 1924, and

Longwood College in 1949. In 2002, Longwood College became Longwood University.

Where did "Longwood" come from?

In 1928, the college bought a piece of the Longwood Estate to expand onto.

The Longwood Estate was established in 1765 by Peter Johnston, Sr. Johnston, a Scottish immigrant purchased a large spread of land in Prince Edward County, where he build the original Longwood House.

The name Longwood seems to be bastardization of the Scottish word "Loughwood," which was the name of the Johnston castle in Scotland.

My Two Cents: Psychotic Blunders

Willard Vaughn
Opinion Editor

There is a certain point in your life when you realize that birthdays don't mean as much anymore.

At 16, your life changes completely because you finally have the freedom to drive by yourself. At 18, you legally become an adult, which means you can vote, smoke, and buy porn legally.

At 21, you can drink alcoholic beverages. After 21, the downhill spiral begins, and you start to realize that with each passing year you just become older, fatter, and balder.

I realized this on Monday, when I turned 22 years old. I've driven my first car, smoked my first cigarette, and drank my first drink in a strip club. I've been in fights, known a few women, and looked death in the eye. Now, my young life is over. I think now it's time I became an adult. Which sucks, because now all I have to look forward to is old age, and having more hair on my butt than on my head.

Anyway, this week's question is something that I think we can all relate to:

Dear Willard:

No matter what I do or where I go, I seem to always attract psychotic women. These women are always nice and sweet at first, but the more I get to know them, the more their deep emotional problems come out. Or, I meet someone, and a week later they're deeply in love with me and want to spend the rest of their lives with me.

So exactly what causes these women to be that way and what can I do to meet someone normal?

Sincerely,

Can't take it no more

Well, there are many reasons why people (not just women) act in the manner in which you described. I am of the belief that this "psychosis" is more socialized than it is psychological. If someone is told all their life that they're fat and stupid, they're going to grow up believing that they are fat and stupid and because of this they feel inferior.

Now, just because someone

feels like this on the inside, does not necessarily mean that they will go around appearing to feel sorry for themselves on the outside. This is also socialized, because most people don't consider it normal to walk around crying and telling everyone they see "My daddy called me stupid when I was 8". So, humans develop defense mechanisms, or "fronts," so that their vulnerability doesn't always show.

Then, in walks you. My guess is that you've probably been told once or twice that you're a nice guy. You genuinely care about other people and you let them know this.

The problem is that when you tell someone that may not have been conditioned to know what it means to be cared for correctly, that you care about them for who they are, they will either open up completely (thus the psychotic effect), or they will shut down and never speak to you again.

The only advice that I can give you my friend is to stop being so damn nice. If this isn't an option for you, then you need to learn to maintain control of the relationships you develop.

Don't let someone take you to a place in their lives that you don't feel comfortable going to. It may be a bit insensitive, but you have to take care of yourself before you can ever care about someone else.

If you continue to act receptive to someone's issues, then that is what is going to define the relationship.

When she runs out of problems to complain about, then she's going to move on to someone else and leave you wondering what happened.

It's okay to be there for someone, but make sure that you have more in common with who you choose to have a relationship with than just your mutual emotional scars.

If you have any questions about sex, love, relationships, women, men, or anything else, feel free to send them to rotunda@longwood.edu with "Willard" as your subject. Always remember to be kind to each other's hearts; the next one that breaks might be yours.



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HOROSCOPES by Sam Wise-Ridges

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Check out the footwear in your significant others' closet. If it is fancier than your own, maybe your significant other has been wearing those boot-scootin' shoes to boot-scoot with someone else.

Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22)

People with big honkers don't visit my ideal paradise. But if you have a good tan you can still get lei'd.

Scorpio (Oct. 23.-Nov. 21)

You know if you were on Cops the world would be a much better place. Don't take this new found authority too far though.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Molest the judge and buy yourself an acquittal.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan 19)

Don't drop the soap.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Don't grope the coach.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

Tell your mom thanks.

Aries (Mar. 21-April 19)

Don't tell your dad.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Tempt who? Who needs to be on T.V. to be a slut?

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Chupa chups, chocolate sauce, and cherries.
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Cancer (June 21-July 22)

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Who said naked twister?

Tongue in Cheek

by Ellie Woodruff



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Press Release

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Tickets range from \$7 to \$14 and go on sale Tuesday, September 9.

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Alumni On Fox Television

Kristin Cobb and Eric Hurt, both Longwood grads, heat up this season on Temptation Island

Liz Richards
Editor-In-Chief

Temptation Island, Fox's successful show about couples willingly putting their relationship to the test by staying on a secluded island, only to be separated from their loved ones and tempted by the sizzling singles that also live on the island.

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Longwood alumni Kristin Cobb and Eric Hurt are one of the couples on the show.

Cobb, 22, reigns from Mechanicsville, and Hurt, 26, is from Charlottesville.

The couple were in the process of moving to California when they were asked to audition for the show while making a pit stop in Las Vegas.

Cobb, a Graphics Design major, is now a stand-in on Fox's new show "the O.C."



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Reception to Follow

Men's Soccer Wins One Loses Two

Sports Information

Longwood University had an unusually busy week of competition, facing NCAA Division I opponents Elon and Virginia Military Institute along with Division II North Carolina-Pembroke.

The Lancers fell to Elon 1-0 September 3, defeated VMI 2-1 September 5, and lost at NC-Pembroke 5-0 September 7. Longwood drops to 2-3 on the road this weekend, September 12-14, at the Stihl Classic hosted by Division I Old Dominion University.

The Lancers' first home game of the season against Elon proved to be a challenge as both teams fought through rough field conditions left by early afternoon storms.

Both teams came out in full force in the first half. Longwood missed three scoring opportunities during the first 45 minutes of action, as shots by freshmen James Agorsor (Gambrills, Md./South River) and Henrik Agerskov (Denmark/Rungsted Gymnasium) along with sophomore Matt Dishner (Mechanicsburg, Pa./Jefferson Forest {Va.}) came up short.

The teams were scoreless at the break. In the second half, Elon's

Matt Bengston gave the Phoenix a 1-0 lead at the 60:11 mark, booting the ball into the back right corner of the net from 25 yards out.

Longwood had several chances to convert late in the second half but Elon's defense proved to be too much.

The Phoenix outshot the Lancers 11-9, including five shots on goal to Longwood's three.

The Lancers' sophomore goalkeeper Bryan Sanford (Springfield/West Springfield) allowed one goal, but managed to collect four saves.

At VMI, junior Stuart Bertsch's (Norfolk/Maury) header with three minutes left lifted Longwood to a 2-1 victory and marked the Lancers' first win over a Division I opponent this season.

The Lancers got on the board 13 minutes into the first half as Dishner drilled a 30-yard shot into the back of the net.

VMI evened things up at the 42:23 mark when freshman forward Alec Winsper scored his first collegiate goal.

At Pembroke, the Lancers were handed their second shutout of the season this afternoon as Longwood was taken down by the Braves 5-0 at the Irwin Belk Soccer Complex.

The Braves jumped on the

board 13 minutes into the contest and did not let up, as three goals were scored against the Lancers in the first half and two in the second.

Longwood freshman goalkeeper Justin Brock (Palo Alto, Calif./Palo Alto) grabbed seven saves in 90 minutes for the Lancers.

Senior forward Mark Connelly (Warrenton/Fauquier) led Longwood with four shots, followed by freshman Adonis Stowers (Hampton/Phoebe) with two.

Through five games, the Lancers are led by Bertsch with three goals, including two game-winning goals.

Dishner and Stowers are both credited with one goal this season.

Bertsch also leads Longwood with 13 shots, followed by Dishner with eight. Sharing time in the net this season are Sanford and Brock.

Sanford has tallied nine saves in 180 minutes and has a .818 saves percentage.

Brock is credited with 15 saves and a .577 saves percentage in 270 minutes of action.

At the Stihl Classic, Longwood will face Division I the College of William & Mary on the 12th at 4:30 p.m. before playing host ODU on the 14 at 2 p.m.

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Women's Cross Country Takes Fourth Place at Elon/High Point Invitational

Sports Information

Longwood University totaled 91 points to finish fourth among 12 teams at the 2003 Elon/High Point Invitational September 6 in Greensboro, North Carolina.

First-year head coach Rich Firth is guiding the Lancers this season.

Carson-Newman College took the overall title among the non-Division I schools with 58 points at Hagan Stone Park.

Longwood will return to action September 13 with its participation in the Averett Invitational in Danville.

At the Elon/High Point meet,

junior Lyriette Robinson/Mineral (Louisa Co.) led Longwood with her time of 20:47 to place 14th among 118 runners overall in the 5K (3.1 miles) event.

Following Robinson across the finish line were classmates Jessica Walton/Williamsburg (Jamestown) (20:55, 16th) and Tiffany Denby/Charlottesville (Monticello) (21:39, 29th), senior Kristel Moser/Roanoke (Northside) (21:46, 32nd), along with junior Holly Miller/Newport News (Woodside) (23:21, 60th).

Following the Averett competition, Longwood will participate in the James Madison Invitational in Harrisonburg.

Women's Tennis Goes to MWC Invitational

Sports Information

Longwood University women's tennis participated in the 2003 MWC Invitational hosted by Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg September 6-7.

The event was a singles and doubles format with no team scores.

The Lancers will next play September 13, hosting Shepherd (W.Va.) at 1 p.m. on the Lancer Courts.

At MWC, freshman Romana Bucur/Brasov, Romania, senior Cecilia Robinson/Lynchburg (Brookville), sophomore Ashley Moore/Midlothian (Midlothian), and senior

Laura Whitehurst/Chesapeake (Western Branch) led Longwood with their respective 1-2 records in singles competition. Bucur



played in flight one, Robinson played in flight two, while Moore and Whitehurst each played in flight four.

Others competing in singles included senior Loren Robertson/Fairfax (Robinson) (0-3, F1), sophomore Jessica Farr/Williamsburg (Lafayette) (0-3, F2), along with freshman Nancy Hott/Fairfax (W.T. Woodson) (0-2, F3).

In doubles, Moore and Whitehurst led the Lancers with their 1-2 record in flight two, followed by Bucur and Robertson (0-2, F1) along with Farr and Hott (0-2, F1).

Following the Shepherd match (a doubleheader with the Lancer men), Longwood will participate in the East Coast Collegiate Championships October 19-21 in Newport News.

Women's Golf in Eighteenth Place

Sports Information

The Longwood University women's golf team carded an overall team score of 645, tying the Lancers for 18th place, at the Unlimited Potential/Bay Tree Classic. The three-day tournament was shortened to two days of competition, with Saturday's round being cancelled due to rain. Coastal Carolina took first place in the competition with a team score of 602, followed by James Madison in second with a team total of 615. In individual scoring, Tiffany Woodyer (Braunton, North Devon, England/ Millfield

School) led the Lancers with rounds of 78 and 77 for a total of 155 and tying for 29th place. Stephanie Hicks (Bumpass, Va./ Louisa County) finished tied for 32nd with a two-round total of 156, followed by Amanda Diamond (Leesburg, Va./ Potomac Falls) tied for 55th with a total of 159, Mary Millage (Ennismore, Ontario, Canada/St. Peter's Secondary) with a 175 and Tucker McCarthy with a total of 185. The Lancers will be back on the course September 27 and 28 at the Elon/Sea Trail Intercollegiate Championships in Sunset Beach, N.C.

Longwood University Adds To Athletic Coaching Staff

Sports Information

Longwood University Director of Athletics Rick Mazzuto has announced the appointment of three new assistant coaches at the institution.

Jon Atkinson is the assistant coach for men's soccer; Ahmad Dorsett is a second assistant for men's basketball; and Kiera Manlove is a second assistant for women's basketball.

The new appointments coincide with Longwood's current four-year reclassification transition toward NCAA Division I certification in 2007 as part of an overall strategic plan to raise the visibility and profile of the University.

"These three new hires are part of the building process to enter Division I competition next year," explained Mazzuto. "These individuals are a key to a more aggressive recruiting program and intensive skill instruction."

Atkinson previously was an assistant coach at West Virginia Wesleyan College since 1999.

He was the WVAC Scholar-Athlete of the Year as a senior team member at Wesleyan, scoring a school-record 28 goals.

As an assistant coach, Atkinson helped guide WVWC to two conference titles and a runners-up finish in three years.

He also was the head coach of boys and girls soccer at Lewis County (W.Va.) High School during 2001-02.

Atkinson managed Pitz Soccer in England from 1997-99, and has coached youth soccer in both England and the United States since 1996.

A native of Newcastle, England, Atkinson earned his B.S. in sports management from Wearside College, his B.A. in business administration from Sunderland University, and his MBA from West Virginia Wesleyan College.

Atkinson is married to women's basketball assistant coach Nikki Atkinson, a former All-American and Academic All-American student-athlete at Longwood.

Dorsett previously was an assistant boys varsity coach at Forest Park High School in Manassas since 2001 after one year in a similar position at Stonewall Jackson High School, also in Manassas.

He was a health and physical education teacher at Forest Park as well, and was the camp director for the school's basketball camp.

Dorsett has also been involved with summer basketball camps at the University of Virginia and his alma mater, George Mason University.

Dorsett was a four-year team member at George Mason, earning Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) All-Rookie Team honors in 1997.

A team captain as a senior, he helped the Patriots to the 1999 CAA Tournament Championship and an NCAA Tournament appearance. Dorsett received his

B.S. in exercise science and health promotion from GMU in 2000, and is currently pursuing his master's degree in counseling and development.

A native of Woodbridge, Dorsett and his wife, Deborah, have a two-year-old daughter, Leannah and are expecting their second daughter this winter.

Manlove is a 2003 graduate of West Chester University in Pennsylvania where she was a four-year team member and the 2000 Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) East Rookie of the Year. She was also a three-time PSAC East first-team selection and three-time team MVP honoree.

Manlove was a two-year team captain and earned PSAC scholar-athlete honors for four years while at West Chester as a Dean's List student.

She earned her B.S. in kinesiology with minors in nutrition, health, and coaching; and served on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee as well.

A native of Wilmington, Del., Manlove has previous coaching experience with the West Chester Sparks AAU team, the Padua Academy (Del.) summer league, and with Wilmington city parks and recreation.

She has also served as a sport specific training coach for Lightning Fast Training Systems in Downingtown, Pa. and as a youth counselor in her hometown of Wilmington.

Burkett/Chesterfield (Manchester) (31:56, 72nd), junior Greg Harrison/Fairfax (Robinson) (32:09, 78th), along with sophomore John Lampkins/Chesapeake (Western Branch) (34:45, 101st).

Gibbs' time also surpassed the previous school-record of 31:24 established by Kevin Rock in 2001.

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Women's Soccer Team Now 1-1

Sports Information

Longwood University dropped a 2-0 decision on the road September 2 at NCAA Division I Campbell University in North Carolina.

The Lancers are now 1-1 this season, and will play again September 10 at Division II Francis Marion University in South Carolina. At Campbell, the Fighting Camels led 2-0 at the intermission and made it stand for the victory -- getting first-half goals from Lauren Dittrich (18:47) and Sara Davis (38:55).

Susan Persson assisted on the first goal while Hanna Wadefalk assisted on the second goal. Campbell keeper Erin Switalski made one save to preserve the shutout as the Camels took a 14-2 advantage in shots.

The two teams each had three

corner-kick opportunities. Longwood freshman keeper Heather Storrer/Spring Grove, Pa. (Spring Grove) made nine saves.

Through two matches, Longwood is led in scoring by a trio of freshmen with two points (1.00) each.

They include Kelsie Bradberry/Richmond (Monacan) (1 goal), Anna Gravely/Virginia Beach (Frank W. Cox) (1 goal), and Tiffany Crane/Virginia Beach (Kellam) (2 assists). Storrer has played all 180 minutes in front of the net, allowing three goals (1.50) with 12 saves for a .800 save percentage.

Following the FMU match, Longwood will remain on the road to play at Division I Liberty University of the Big South Conference September 13 at 4 p.m. in Lynchburg.

Women's Tennis Played Invitational

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Men's Cross Country Finishes Seventh of Twelve

Sports Information

Longwood University totaled 210 points to finish seventh among 12 teams at the 2003 Elon/High Point team Invitational September 6 in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Lynchburg College took the overall title among the non-Division I schools with 19 points at Hagan Stone Park. It is the highest team finish for the Lancers in the three-year history of the program.

Longwood will return to action

September 13 with its participation in the Averett Invitational in Danville. At the Elon/High Point meet, freshman Keith Smith/Powhatan (Powhatan) led Longwood with his new school-record time of 29:07 to place 26th among 124 runners overall in the 8K (5.0 miles) event.

Following Smith across the finish line were Lancer classmates Chris Gibbs/Richmond (L.C. Bird) (30:40, 59th) and Wes Spece/Martinsville (Carlisle) (31:54, 71st), sophomore Joel



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Waiting For The ODU Students To Get Here Since 1920

September 18, 2003

Students Love Hurricane Isabel

Brette Lawrence
Guest Writer

This week, much of the east coast is bracing for Hurricane Isabel, which is likely to affect areas from North Carolina to New Jersey for the next several days.

Isabel will be the first major hurricane to hit the east coast since Hurricane Floyd of 1999.

On Sunday, Isabel's winds were measured at well over 125 mph, qualifying as a category 5 hurricane, the most powerful class of storms.

Fortunately for coastal communities, winds have since died down to around 110 mph and Isabel has been downgraded to a "strong category 2" hurricane.

Several areas in North Carolina, including the Outer Banks and its surrounding islands have already been

evacuated, and other areas are expected to follow suit shortly.

Governor Mark Warner has declared Virginia to be in a 'state of emergency', and have put both the National Guard, and the state police officers on alert at all times. Hospitals in the Hampton area of Virginia have begun to evacuate patients to other facilities in the state.

Here at Longwood, the students and faculty are preparing for the worst. By the time Isabel reaches Central Virginia, it is expected to loose both its hurricane and tropical storm status. However, we can still expect heavy rainfall and strong winds.

The Longwood University has cancelled all classes from Wednesday through Friday. They are encouraging all students who feel that they can travel home safely to do so; however, they will remain open for those who can't

do so.

All those who are staying have been warned to remove all things from near their window. They also should keep their blinds and windows closed, and clear the floor of their room.

Also, all appliances and electronics should be unplugged. Resident Advisors should be notified if students are planning on staying in the dorms.

For students who are staying, several things are being done to lessen the problems that would arise if a blackout should occur.

Each dorm room is being provided with a flashlight. Students need to carry their ID card and key with them at all times, as they will need these to be able to enter the buildings.

Classes are expected to resume as scheduled on Monday, and the conditions should return to normal shortly.

Students Partake of Longwood Tradition



Senior Class President, Monica Sober (right), and junior, Kristy Holland, took part in last Friday's Convocation ceremony. Speakers included President Cormier, Senior Class Vice President, Bryan Lee, and guest speaker, Lieutenant Colonel Troy Littles. For more pictures, turn to page 6

Heads vs. Feds

Leslie Smith
News Editor

Bob Stutman, wearing a button-up shirt and khaki pants, a 25-year veteran of the D.E.A., and called the "most famous NARC in America" by the *New York Times* and "a true American hero" by Dan Rather.

Stutman is the drug consultant for both PBS and CBS, and appears regularly on national television as a drug expert.

His autobiography, *Dead on Delivery* was a *New York Times* Bestseller and was made into a television movie entitled *Mob Justice*.

Steven Hager, wearing beat-up jeans and a jean jacket, has a Masters degree in Journalism from the University of Illinois, and has been an Editor-in-Chief of *High Times* for fifteen years.

He is the founder of the Cannabis Cup, the "academy awards" of marijuana.

Hager's most recent book is *Adventures in the Counterculture*.

Each side had fifteen minutes each to introduce their side of the issue, then three minutes each to respond to each question asked by the audience.

Hager started the debate-by pre-

senting his five reasons for wanting "mary jane" legalized:

1. It works as good as medicine.

It helps relieve the symptoms of asthma, strokes, etc.

Hager claims that it is better than any other substance under the sun for treating such problems.

He did emphasize that pot would not cure those diseases, though.

Hager also points out that big pharmaceutical companies own patents of Ritalin and other drugs, but would never be able to patent weed itself and therefore would not be able to make much profit off of it.

"It would be free medicine for everyone," Hager said.

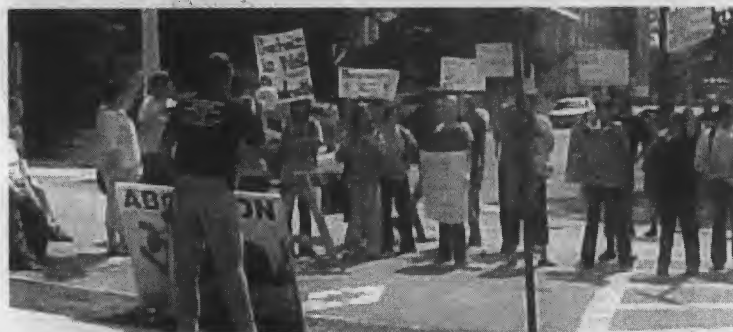
2. Hemp is good for the environment.

"You could produce four times as much paper with an acre of hemp than an acre of trees over a twenty year period," said Hager.

He went on to explain that George Washington was a hemp farmer and encouraged farmers to grow it everywhere.

25,000 different products used to be made out of hemp before marijuana was made illegal.

Abortion Protesters and Counter-Protesters on Campus



Abortion protesters were met by numerous counter-protesters beside Curry last Monday



All around campus students were rallying for or against abortion. Students carried signs, wore shirts, even shouted their beliefs to bystanders during Monday's protest.

See POT p.6

Words From the Editor



What another event-filled week. We've got hurricanes, people speaking about marijuana, protesters spitting at students, and lots of other crazy stuff.

There is so much

going on around campus, but it amazes me how little people know about this school.

There are committees that make changes affecting our life at school all the time, and we never know about it.

For instance, the Board of Visitors had a meeting and decided to make changes to the Student Handbook. Hello?! This directly affects us, and I bet you would never know if wasn't printed in this

paper.

And let's talk about this situation with the Old Dominion University students evacuating to our school.

I think it's a really nice idea that our school will open it's arms to other universities in times of need, but do we really have the resources to house all of these students?

These poor kids have to sleep on mats in Lancer Gym, and where are they going to eat? The Lancer Café is closed Wednesday night as of midnight, and can the Dinning Hall really handle all of these extra students?

The administration initially was going to allow five hundred students come and stay here.

FIVE HUNDRED?

Thank goodness that number dropped down to two hundred students.

As much of a hassle this is causing, I still would say Isabel is my best friend right about now.

A four-day weekend? Hell yeah!

What about this dispute between the Greek community and the rest of the school?

I swear, this has been going for as long as I can remember.

Every year an angry Greek will write in to the paper complaining that surviving as a chapter on this campus is so much work, and there are cops out to get them, and administration hates them, etc.

The writer's main claim to Greek fame is the countless hours of community service they do each semester.

But is it really community service when you are fined for not showing up?

Is it considered community service if it's mandatory for your

chapter to be there because you have to earn a certain number of re-qualification points every year in order for your chapter to stay active?

Come on, we all know that community service is supposed to be done on your own free will, not something that Greeks should be forced to do.

Social fraternities and sororities are around for the sole purpose of giving students more of a social life.

Whatever, enough ranting. It's like I said, there is a lot going on around campus.

Keeping an open ear to the ground is all it takes to make sure our campus is staying student friendly, and not falling into the wrong hands.

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The Rotunda is an equal opportunity volunteer organization and is looking for people who are interested in writing or layout. We currently have positions available and ask anyone who is interested to come to our meetings, Mondays at 7:30 p.m.,

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I am an officer in my sorority and am writing in response to the article that was written for the Sept. 4th issue of *The Rotunda* entitled "The Persecution of the Greek Community".

I do not feel that the Greek Community's volunteerism is "unappreciated." The Greek community here at Longwood puts in countless hours of community service, which I'm not debating here.

However, I cannot find anywhere in the community or on this campus where the services that the Greek Community provides goes unappreciated.

If the work that the Greek Community goes unappreciated, then why does the Big Sibling program still seek Greeks and other students on this campus? If the work goes unappreciated, then

why does the Farmville United Methodist Church seek Greek students for its nursery during its programs?

The fact is, the Greek Community does a good job (as well as non-Greeks) in its community service. That should be the reward; the fact that we are continually invited back to provide another good service.

Exactly what kind of reward or thanks are you looking for? Is a red carpet supposed to be laid out for us for all the work we do? Do you want a trophy?

I hear the phrase "thank you" all the time from the Adopt-a-Grandparent program that my sorority participates in each month.

A reward for Adopt-a-Highway is the cleanliness of the highway after the trash has been picked up, and the fun of the truckers honk-

ing as they drive past!

Big siblings should only seek the smile of a child's face, and because you made that child's day is all the appreciation you need!

Please help me understand what I'm failing to see here - where there aren't any rewards or appreciation. If someone of the Greek Community doesn't feel that these are rewards, then I don't know what would be considered a reward.

If a member of the Greek Community is only looking for praise for his or her service, then that person is in the wrong organization.

Community service is supposed to be selfless, and the act of the service should be the only reward that one should seek.

Kate Feldvary
Historian, Sigma Kappa

ACTIVIST

"If you're not mad, you're not paying attention!"

The "Activist" is your outlet for battling social injustice and things that suck. This is your chance to do something about societal evils, instead of just whining about them. So speak up and act up. Because, if you're not mad, you're not paying attention. E-mail Activist ideas to rotunda@longwood.edu.

Students Are Educated, Protesters Are Not

I have experienced considerable disappointment in Longwood over the past couple of years. I've seen my school uprooted and destroyed all in the name of progress.

I've seen us accept more students than we can house. I've seen vast amounts of money spent on improvements that have nothing to do with me or the quality of my education.

However, what happened this week took my disappointment in Longwood to a whole new level.

This week, as most everyone knows, we were visited by the Life and Liberty Ministries.

I guess I made the mistake of assuming, as did most of the rest of you, that these people would be at least somewhat educated. That they would at least be informed as to what exactly it was that they were protesting against.

I was wrong.

But I was more shocked to notice that most of the rest of you were also wrong.

You were actually surprised that the ringleader of this organization was an uneducated, ignorant, bible thumping, inbred redneck that hated women, homo-

sexuals, and pretty much anyone else that disagreed with him.

This is where my disappointment started.

I was very ashamed by the way that some students reacted toward this organization. Some people even going as far as spitting on and cursing at these individuals.

Did you not stop and think that this is what they wanted?

These types of groups don't go around and try to persuade you with carefully planned presentations of their point of view. The goal of this group was to piss people off. Which in my opinion solves nothing and just leads to conflict.

Which is exactly what happened.

However, I was disappointed because as students of this college, we are the educated ones. We know that the morning after pill prevents sperm from uniting with an egg, thus preventing the need for abortion.

It was publicized that this was the reason that these people were attracted to Longwood in the first place, yet there was no mention of this that I heard. We

as students are the ones that should have been knowledgeable and mature enough to not buy into what they were doing.

Instead, we did exactly what they wanted us to do. Get angry, upset, and do things such as spit on them.

Finally, I'm disappointed that Longwood and the Town of Farmville would even allow them to come here.

I understand it's their right and all of that, but this is private property. I understand that sometimes it's good to be exposed to ignorant individuals such as that in the interest of promoting discussion and free thought.

But this was just too much for me to handle. Pictures of mutilated fetuses rolling down the streets of my campus. Not to mention the picture of the World Trade Center being hit and some reference to that being God's wrath.

It's good to be disturbed and angered by something, but this was too much to handle. Shame on you Longwood for allowing this to happen. Shame on you students for feeding the frenzy.

Anonymous Submission

super props and drops

Props:

- + To ISABEL!
- + To no classes! A little rain can go a long way
- + To nice guys that like *The Rotunda*
- + To ODU students coming to Longwood, the more the merrier
- + To Hurricane Parties!
- + To family members who send "care packages"
- + To being in love
- + To magnetic poetry
- + To the Equate brand at Wal-Mart
- + To WMLU, the only local station that plays semi-good music
- + To the Communication Studies Majors: those cunning linguists!
- + To *The Family Guy*, the new and funnier version of *The Simpsons*
- + To male gymnasts, wow they are buff
- + To the FOX television network, finally a basic cable channel that shows soft porn!
- + To Pirates! Arrrrr.... (it's so much fun to say)

Drops:

- To having to take the GRE's in order to get into Graduate School; the SAT's were bad enough
- To Greeks vs. the rest of Longwood; enough is enough
- To Pro-life protesters using pictures of dead fetuses
- To old people who smell like urine
- To all the make up work from missing two days of classes
- To rats and cockroaches on campus
- To rotting food that your roommate just won't throw away
- To Lifehouse no longer playing at Oktoberfest
- To Greek silence being extended for another week
- To lovers who cheat
- To the cooler weather, finally those who don't have air conditioning can live comfortably
- To the California recall election, just appoint the Terminator to office and call it quits
- To creepy roommates that steal your Victoria's Secret underwear and razors and money and etc.
- To the Library closing even though students will have so much make up work to do
- To Pirate haters, Arrrrrrr.....

Want to write for The Rotunda ?

Or do you just want to submit an article?

Email us at rotunda@longwood.edu or call x2120

Our Weekly meetings are Monday's at 7:30 p.m.

Greek Honor Student Fires Back

Dear Editor:

I recently picked up a copy of *The Rotunda* and sat down to read it as I do on a weekly basis. I came across the rebuttal written by Shawn Garrett and got a little fired up.

The past week has been a week of debate and stereotypes about the Greek community here on campus. I want the Longwood student body to know what we are about before jumping to the stereotyped confusion that we are dumb, alcoholic, young adults, who do nothing but party.

While I am not going to sit here and tell you that parties, underage drinking, and premarital sex do not go on, I am going to tell you that these things are done by a vast number of people who may be Greek, non-Greek, athlete, non-athlete, honor student, academic probation student, white, black...etc.

The average GPA of a Longwood female is in fact lower than the average GPA of the Longwood Sorority student (as obtained by the office of Sorority and Fraternity Life).

If you are having doubts look at the President's list and Dean's list. On it you will find an incredible number of Sorority and Fraternity stu-

dents.

Involvement in on and off campus extra curricular activities is done vastly by Greeks. Volunteer work is done in a brag worthy amount by the Greek community.

On one last note, the idea that the cops are "not out to get" anybody. This is entirely uninformed. I consider dressing in street clothes and waiting for unsuspecting freshmen to walk home "looking."

This is something that has not only been accounted by many students but actually recently discussed by a professor during class.

The efforts made by these cops to make partying with fraternities illegal are an infringement upon our rights. The Greek community should not be the target of the cops.

If they want to attack underage drinking they need to realize it's done by 2 lot more than just the Greek community, and is usually done without such precautions as designated drivers and [Greek] brothers or sisters who don't drink and instead watch out for the well-being of the other people at these parties.

Longwood and its police need to take a look at what good the Greek

community adds to the campus.

They need to realize that we do have a large percentage of Greeks and that is a factor about the campus that entices many of its successful students to come here. Partying is going to happen.

We are young adults trying to live life in the moment. We may be going about it the "wrong" way or endangering our lives but consider this: the Greeks support the designated driver program so people aren't drinking and driving, we also frequently cover the risks and consequences within our chapters.

Also realize that the majority of the people getting in trouble for underage drinking aren't the Greeks; it's other students. This should show that it's not the Greeks that are the problem, if there is a problem at all; it's just the way things have been, are, and will continue to be many years, the Longwood community should worry about the student body as a whole and not discriminate against one hardworking and dedicated group of individuals.

Rachael Amos
Delta Zeta Sorority

Super Speak Out

What are your thoughts on the abortion-protest that came to campus last Monday?



"I didn't like the pictures on the vans, and I didn't like the fact that little kids were handing out pamphlets, but I guess controversy is always good."

--Angie Worell, Staff



"I didn't see many protesters, but I talked to students and they felt the protesters were very obtrusive."

--Deirdre Milligan, Junior



"I thought the pictures were disgusting, I didn't want to eat lunch after I saw that."

--Kelly Slye, Senior



"I thought those protesters were crazy."

--Keysha Foster, Senior



"I was glad to see Longwood students participating, we should have more protests to get people rallied up."

--Lakisha Page, Senior



"It got everyone in an uproar, but more than anything students were just laughing at the protesters."

--Mark Rutherford, Junior

The Hitchin' Post

Well this is it; in two days I will be a happily married man.

The fun days of late nights out with the boys, later nights with girls and painful mornings trying to remember it all, are over.

But that's O.K.; it's time for a change and a fresh start on how I live my life.

The question is, what changes will married life bring?

My fiancé and I have been living together for three years now, so the day-to-day can't change that much right?

But then we already have a room filled with old baby stuff that friends have given us, so at least one big change is probably around the corner.

My fiancé is not pregnant, I can assure you of that after the mood she was in last week, but her bio-clock is obviously ticking judging by the glazed and greedy look that comes into her eyes anytime a word even begins with

"ba."

And there have been several uncomfortable conversations regarding names like Ewan or Dickens (who could be so cruel?).

The baby discussions have led to talk of buying a house, with what money we are not sure, because the place we are currently renting is not up to par safety wise.

And of course with the house comes worries about mortgages and insurance and saving for retirement at the end of it all.

But wait, I'm not old yet, let's slow things down and think about all the good things that could happen in between.

I would like to take my new wife to all the wonderful places that I have been in my life (a story for another time) and show her what I think makes them so special.

Hopefully we will share many wonderful plays and movies and

concerts.

Not to mention the romantic dinners, and relaxed lazy afternoons playing with our dogs.

I don't really know all of the wonderful things that married life will bring, just like I cannot know what challenges will lie along the path.

The future is just that, a hazy and impenetrable mystery upon which to lay our hopes and fears.

The only thing that I know is that after Saturday, I will have someone to share the journey with as we help each other along the way.

Oh and after a six-week moratorium on sex I'm finally going to get some Saturday night.

No monkeys invited.

Nick Elmes
Assistant Editor

Convocation: September 11, 2003



Lieutenant Colonel Troy Littles spoke about being an American, appreciating freedom, and the fight on terrorism. A veteran of Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Littles has won many awards for his efforts while serving in the U.S. Army.



Senior Class officers, President, Monica Sober, Secretary, Angie Bottoms, and Vice-President, Bryan Lee, gave a toast to those attending. "The toast was found in a yearbook from 1899; it was read for the first time last year and our class did it again in an effort to make it a tradition. We saw it as something that would enhance the spirit, and it will be up to every senior class president to make it a part of their speech at Convocation," said Sober.



Students took part in Convocation's long time tradition of seniors being capped by their "little brothers" or "little sisters," who are generally underclassmen that are good friends with the senior they are capping. **NEED MORE FILLER!**

Board of Visitors Meeting Update

Press Release

The Longwood University Board of Visitors took the following actions during its meeting on September 13:

- *Approved Operating and Capital Budget requests for faculty salaries, additional faculty, a new hospitality program, a 2+2 teacher preparation program with John Tyler Community College, modernization of the heating plant, to build a lacrosse/field hockey complex, renovate Blackwell and the bookstore, renovate and expand Lankford, convert some of the Recreation Center funding from private to State funding, and to replace information systems.

- *Approved an allocation of \$835,000 from the University's General Reserve Fund and \$75,000 from the Housing Reserve Fund for repairs on the Bristow, Lancer, and Curry roofs and for property purchases.

- *Approved changes in Student Handbook policies.

- *Approved new policies regarding

Safety Enforcement, Space Allocation and Assignment, and Space Configuration Management.

- *Approved changes in the Employee Cash Match Plan to reflect provisions of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001.

- *Awarded emeritus status to the late Dr. Edward D. Smith, professor of psychology and director of assessment and institutional research, and also awarded the distinction of Board of Visitors Distinguished Professor.

A member of the Longwood faculty since 1971, Dr. Smith, a national expert on student assessment and a former president of the Faculty Senate of Virginia, died August 2.

- *Elected Barry Case rector, Helen Phillips vice rector, Dr. Helen Warriner-Burke secretary, and Ricky Otey member-at-large of the Board's executive committee.

- *Approved resolutions of appreciation for James Hughes and Sarah Terry, whose terms on the Board expired recently.

SUPPORT THE MOTON MUSEUM ON CITIZEN LEADER DAY

Each year Longwood University comes together to experience **CITIZEN LEADER DAY**. **CITIZEN LEADER DAY** is traditionally a time in which the Longwood community focuses on its mission and journey toward creating a culture of citizen leaders. This year marks the 50th anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education. To commemorate this anniversary, the Office of Leadership and New Students Programs and S.E.A.L. (Student Educators for Active Leadership) have joined with the Moton Museum to create a Citizen Leader Day experience in which participants will learn about how events in Prince Edward County contributed to the modern Civil Rights Movement.

The Longwood community invites you to participate in **CITIZEN LEADER DAY** by attending the "Buy-a-Plate" fund-raiser event on September 27, 2003 to be held at the Moton Museum from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Each plate can be purchased for \$5, and consists of fried chicken, sliced ham, rolls, vegetables, macaroni & cheese, and a dessert. **All proceeds will go directly to the Moton Museum. We look forward to your participation in this event!**

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President Bush Wants To Expand The Patriot Act

U-WIRE

On the second anniversary of the September 11 attacks, President Bush rallied Congress to implement new provisions to the Patriot Act, expanding power to the Justice Department and other government agencies over individual citizens and suspected terrorists.

"The Patriot Act imposed tough new penalties on terrorists and those who support them. But as the fight against terror progressed, we have found areas where more help is required," said Bush.

These new provisions have

been voiced by Attorney General John Ashcroft, who wants to pursue the death penalty in more terrorism-related cases, to hold suspects without bail and to remove the grand jury from the steps needed to issue a subpoena.

President Bush pressured Congress to act quickly to pass this legislation.

"For the sake of the American people, Congress should change the law and give law enforcement officials the same tools they have to fight terror that they have to fight other crime," he said.

Many argue that it will be hard to sell these proposals to Congress.

They argue the political climate

of the nation has changed considerably since the passage of the first Patriot Act, as the pro-American fervor which arose after the September 11 attacks is beginning to wear off.

The ACLU launched a backlash against Bush's endorsement of the "unnecessarily broad surveillance and domestic spying powers" and "anti-democratic security measures" granted in the bill, according to a press release.

In launching the "Patriot II" Act, President Bush has even put himself at odds with some Republican legislators who have joined Democrats in an effort to tone down part of the original Patriot Act.

According to an Associated Press wire story, House Judiciary Committee chairman, James Sensenbrenner Jr. (R-Wis.) said he has reservations about the new subpoena powers the President is seeking for anti-terrorism investigations.

However, a recent CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll found that only 22 percent of Americans thought the administration had gone "too far" in restricting civil liberties.

The poll also found that two-thirds believe the government should not take anti-terrorism steps which violate civil liberties.

The President promoted the new measures during the second

anniversary of the September 11 attacks, calling the nation to action against future terrorists.

"We will not wait for further attacks on innocent Americans. The best way to protect the American people is to stay on the offensive," he said.

Student groups in universities across the nation are rising up against the implications of the new Patriot Act.

"Expanding the Patriot Act is simply expanding the shame our president is bringing to this nation by attacking our principles in liberty," said Timothy Kaldas of Students for Peace and Justice at The George Washington University.

16-year-old Allegedly Raped at William & Mary Party

U-WIRE

A 16-year-old girl announced last weekend that she was raped at a September 6 fraternity party at the College of William & Mary.

The girl, an unnamed resident of the middle peninsula area near Williamsburg, was at a party at the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity when the incident allegedly

occurred.

Though the girl has not filed charges and the College is not involved in the case, a state investigation is ongoing.

"The matter is in the hands of the Commonwealth's attorney," Vice President for Student Affairs Sam Sadler said. "We are not pursuing any investigation on our own, so not to prejudice his plans."

A campus police statement said the girl was dancing with an unnamed male student when his female friend invited her upstairs for a drink. The girl accepted a shot of rum, and proceeded to follow the male student into his room, she told police.

The police statement then said the student immediately closed the door, pushed the girl down and began to aggressively tear

off her clothes. She told police that although she was yelling "no" repeatedly and crying, he held her down, put on a condom and had sex with her.

The report then said that the male student said the condom broke, at which point the girl yelled "stop" and the student allegedly sat up, giving her an opportunity to get dressed and run away.

According to the report, a student who worked in the fraternity complex said he saw the girl immediately afterward. The student said the girl looked to be in a state of "mental and physical" distress.

The girl sought treatment at Riverside Walter Reed Hospital in Gloucester, and the campus police were notified of the incident early Sunday, September 7.

Following the incident, the College of William & Mary has requested an internal review of social functions and alcohol on the campus, led by Sadler. The task force will access policies and procedures regarding alcohol that govern student activities.

William & Mary President Timothy Sullivan told the school's Board of Visitors

that he expects the report to be finished by October 1.

William & Mary officials stressed that they are taking the matter seriously.

"We're not just twiddling our thumbs waiting for the results of [the Commonwealth Attorney's] investigation," Sadler said. "All social privileges of Lambda Chi Alpha have been suspended until further notice."

National Lambda Chi Alpha administrators also are involved in the investigation.

"We have someone working directly with the campus police in Williamsburg, and we are cooperating thoroughly with the college and legal authorities," said Kip Zurcher, chief operating officer of Lambda Chi Alpha.

In a press release from the National Chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha, the fraternity expressed regret.

"Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity is aware of and deeply saddened by the allegations regarding one of its members at William & Mary," the release stated. "At this time no further details are known, but the fraternity will complete its own investigation as well."

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3. The overpopulation of the prison system.

8,000+ people get penalized with the mandatory minimum sentence of ten years. Prison systems are being prepared to be given over to corporations to produce products for a higher profit. Hager points out that the anti-drug campaign will be used to "fuel the slave labor."

4. The millions of dollars that go toward the drug war.

Hager points out that the millions that go towards the war on drugs could be used to educate people on the dangers of more harmful drugs and the rehabilitation of substance abusers. He talked about how, in his middle and high school, the teachers would tell them "if [you] smoked pot, [you'd] grow breasts like Dolly Parton, or...become sterile."

5. Weed is a big part of Hager's culture.

Hager, once a Lutheran, found that the counterculture based around non-

violence and acceptance of all cultures, was more agreeable with his ideals. Because pot is such a large part of the counterculture, Hager argues that he should have the right to smoke in accordance with his faith.

Bob Stutman, right away, defended his friendship with Hager, saying, "You will never see us personally attack each other...you can disagree with someone without being personally disagreeable." He then goes on to completely contrast Hager's argument. He says "just because marijuana is natural, does not mean it is good."

In response to Hager's argument that it is medically favorable, he said, "any doctor that tells you to smoke anything is a fool."

Stutman does agree with Hager, though, that locking people up for the use of drugs is stupid, and the nation could save money if they would change the policies.

As for hemp, Stutman points out that

it is legal in Europe, but the majority does not write on hemp paper or wear hemp clothes.

He points out, to oppose Hager's religious argument, that "just because we do it in the name of religion also does not mean it's right...Four guys smoking in a basement somewhere does not constitute a religious experience."

Stutman reported that the number of pot users has gone down during the last ten years, and if "we legalize it, we will have far more users," therefore losing the progress that the nation had gained.

Both had many quotes taken from medical journals to back up their points of view - Hager, pulled from medical journals that were pro-marijuana, quoting doctors that were forced into early retirement that had been in support of legalizing medical marijuana.

Ultimately, they wanted to show that they appreciated the other's side of the issue, and hoped that the students would understand their points.

Campus Wide Protest Held On Campus Monday



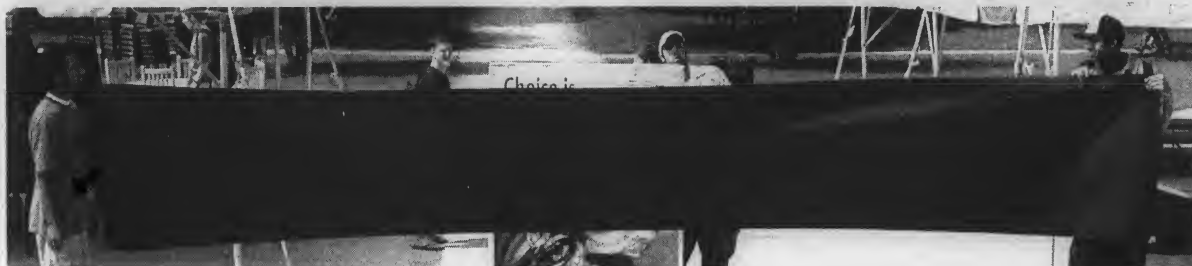
A Pro-Choice banner was displayed behind Lankford Student Union



A Pro-Life van was used to transport protesters and banners on Monday



Some students even protested the protest, Senior Jake Von Reyn and friends stood outside to speak out against the abortion protest.



Disgusted students make an effort to block the graphic pictures presented by the anti-abortion group.

NOTARY PUBLIC

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2 p.m.

Sunday
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@Roanoke
1 p.m.

Field Hockey
@Monmouth (N.J.)
1 p.m.

Gyre Meeting
Amelia Room
6 p.m.

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7:30 p.m.

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3:45 p.m.

Just for Seniors
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5- 6 p.m.

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7 p.m.

**Graduate/Professional
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Career Center
7-8 p.m.

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**Job Search
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Hiner Lobby
7- 8 p.m.

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7:30- 9:30 p.m.

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The Man Came Around; The Life and Death of Johnny Cash

Shawn Garrett
Staff Writer

On the cold, gray morning of September 12, 2003, the man finally came for Johnny Cash. Cash, a music legend made famous by his mournful, often bitter yet slyly optimistic sound, died of complications from diabetes Friday at Baptist Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee. He was 71.

With his gravelly, baritone voice, he helped spread the popular rockabilly sound with the likes of Chuck Berry, Elvis Presley, Carl Perkins, Ricky Nelson, Buddy Holly, Bill Haley and the Comets, Jerry Lee Lewis, Roy Orbison, the Everly Brothers, and Ritchie Valens.

Unlike some of his contemporaries Cash was determined to stay true to his country and folk beginnings, writing and singing compassionately about the rough edges of Americana: the West, cowboys, outlaws, prisoners, hobos, blue-collar workers and desperate lovers. "I Walk the

Line," "Folsom Prison Blues," "Sunday Morning Coming Down," "I Still Miss Someone," "A Boy Named Sue," and "Big River," are among his greatest hits, as well as "Ring of Fire," which was written by his late wife, June Carter Cash.

Although slowed in recent years by mounting illness and infirmity, Cash continued to release roughly an album a year up until last year with the recording of his acclaimed American IV: The Man Comes Around.

The title track, Cash's biting take on Judgment Day, is an example of all that Cash has come to rule in the world of music: that deep, pensive voice, gritty country-folk sound, and eerie topical significance.

His latest string of albums, called the American series include a number of spectacular and redefining covers, such as Depeche Mode's "Personal Jesus" and Nine Inch Nails' "Hurt," the video for which won MTV's Video Music Award for

best cinematography.

John R. Cash was born on February 26, 1932 in Kingsland, Arkansas. Over the next 71 years the singer-songwriter recorded a staggering 1,500 songs and sold more than 50 million records.

In a career that stretched back to the birth of rock n' roll, the music of the "Man in Black"—as he was called for his lifelong protest of injustice by wearing all black both on and off stage—came to exemplify the stories of the downtrodden and disenfranchised, while blending the sounds of folk, country, blues, and pop.

For those who loved him, Cash was a rebel, an outlaw in his own right from the soulless and empty majority of the recording industry. No fancy lights or special effects, usually standing alone on stage with guitar in hand, one got the impression he had done it all himself—no roadies, no producers, no mixers.

He opened every concert like somebody new on the scene, humble and unassuming. "Hello,"

he would always inform the audience, "I'm Johnny Cash." Cash was the recipient of 11 Grammy awards, most recently for Best Male Country Vocal Performance for the song "Give My Love to Rose."

He was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1980 and into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1992. His influence touched a generation of singers who followed him, including Bruce Springsteen, Tom Petty, and Bob Dylan, who often cited Cash as a major source of inspiration.

Cash got his start on the now legendary Sun Records in Memphis. Sun owner Sam Phillips initially denied him a recording contract. In order to convince Phillips, Cash wrote the lyrics to the little known "Hey Porter," and then "Cry, Cry, Cry" which was released in 1955 and sold more than 100,000 copies. Also in 1955, Cash recorded "Folsom Prison Blues," which reached No. 4 on the Billboard

Country and Western chart. He went on to tour with Elvis, Luther Perkins, and George Jones and in the following year released "I Walk the Line," which reached No. 1 on the C & W chart and the top 20 on the Billboard Pop chart.

Cash began to turn out hit after hit and started making several television appearances on variety and music programs. At the zenith of his popularity, Cash was making more than 250 appearances a year and was starring in his own show entitled "The Johnny Cash Show."

Even with all of his success, Cash was unable to resist the temptation of drugs and alcohol. His personal life began to collapse after week long binges and tirades from his abuse of over the counter medication and then heavier drugs, such as cocaine and heroin.

After a spiral into self-destruction that lasted several years and

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My Two Cents: Cheatin' Heart

Willard A. Vaughn
Opinion Editor

The word of the week is ignorance.

Merriam-Webster defines ignorance as "...resulting from or showing lack of knowledge or intelligence" (www.m-w.com).

I think that it's safe to say that we all saw a gross display of this word at least once this week.

Whether it be having to run out of our dorms at 3 a.m. despite the knowledge that the fire alarm equipment was damaged (also due to ignorance) thus causing the alarm to go off.

Or, our beloved school expecting us to study by flashlight assuming that there is a power outage associated with a hurricane that seems to want to come ashore.

The word of the week is ignorance.

Now on to the question of the week:

Dear Willard:

Ok.. Let's say [hypothetically] you have a girlfriend while you're in college, but your girlfriend lives back home and you see each other maybe once a month. You two love each other a lot; you get along perfectly and the sex is great. But while you're at college, you meet another girl and become friends with her and there is a strong sexual attraction, but you're no more than friends. What do you do?

Sincerely

Oops, I did it again.

One piece of personal information that I edited out of this letter was that "Oops..." is a freshman. I don't want to sound ignorant, but stick with me here a second and I'm pretty sure that if this hasn't happened to you, you know someone to whom it has happened.

My friend, you have fallen victim to what I call the Freshman Relationship Curve. I will spare you the math lesson; what it boils down to is that if you decided to go far

away to college while having a string attached to this person back home, you're relationship is more likely to fail within the first month of school.

Now, before I get angry letters, think about it. I'm not saying that all long distance relationships are destined to fail. They are just more likely to fail; especially if you're a sociable person. You go out, you meet people, you see someone you're attracted to, and you have some premarital sex.

Then, you realize "HOLY CRAP I HAVE A BOYFRIEND / GIRLFRIEND!"

And it all goes to hell in a handbasket from there.

What you need to do (or what I would do) is to evaluate the situation. You have to ask yourself, "Am I willing to give up this potentially healthy, loving, long lasting relationship for a fling?"

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Ambassador Spotlight

By Emily Miller

There were times at Longwood when...

It was lights out at 11:00pm for the freshmen, so they hid in the bathrooms to study.

You couldn't drink within the town limits of Farmville- taxi loads of students would go down to "Leo's" (a beer joint at Dowdy's Corner,) just outside the town limits.

There was no Oktoberfest- only "Circus" a homecoming weekend for alums.

Girls were required to wear a hat to church (everyone had to go to church.)

Freshmen were known as "rats" and had to wear beanies.

Raincoats were worn over nightgowns to breakfast and to class.

The dorm room door had to be left open and feet had to be kept on the floor when you had a visitor.

It was 107° for ten days straight.

The students lived with the college president, and he was their legal guardian.

Girls sunbathed on the roof in dyed underwear and bras.

A date had to come calling for his girl at the Rotunda and wait for her in the parlor.

Letter's From London

Paula Nusbaum
Staff Writer

I'm finally in London. I've been here for three days and everything is so overwhelming.

I'm not sure even where to begin. London is such a wonderful city - it isn't what I expected. The weather has been perfect - although I've been told that it won't last long. The students are friendly.

I'm living in Marleybone, which is in Zone 1 or central London. It's the perfect location for someone who wants to really experience the city atmosphere, very much the opposite of Farmville.

London is a lot like NYC where there are lot of people, lots of shops, and tons of things to do. The biggest difference I can find between the two is that London smells a lot better - at least in the area I live.

I haven't met many British students yet because the international students have to do a lot of orientation sessions together, but I'm hoping that once classes begin I will be able to meet more people. I have mostly English classes, including: Modernism I, Post War British Fiction, and Linguistics. I also have a course called Art and Society, where teachers take students to the museums like the National Gallery, the Tate Modern, and St. Paul's

Church for the class period.

I'm somewhat of a novice at art, but I'm hoping to learn a lot through the course. I also had my first outing last night.

Cultural Experiences Abroad, a.k.a. CEA, is hosting my trip here at the University of Westminster, and besides helping prepare the students for their trip here, they also organize periodic excursions and events for us.

Last night Danielle, our on-site director, took us out to Wine's Wharf, which is south of the River Thames.

At the restaurant we had the opportunity to do wine tasting (don't worry - I'm 21) and try tapas (appetizers).

The wine was ok (don't really have a taste for it) but the food was good. It was a lot different from American food like buffalo wings and onion rings. My favorite tapa was a duck spring roll it was different but very good.

So far adjusting to London has been relatively painless. You do



have to accommodate certain differences, but those differences are so subtle or insignificant that it's easy to adapt to them.

For example, driving in the UK is opposite that in the US. So you just need to be cautious when crossing the road to make sure you don't get run over (I've come close a few times).

Also, the drinking water tastes different here it's very subtle, but definitely different. Still, water is water.

Even though it can be frustrating at times I like the differences. It not only forces you to appreciate luxuries you enjoyed in the US, but also to become flexible and patient, which are good qualities to have.

I will update you again next week with my first couple days of classes.

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You have to figure out what each person in this love triangle means to you and carefully define that. Like I said last week, don't let someone else define what they mean to you.

You have to work on making yourself happy before you can make someone else happy.

If your current significant other fails in comparison to this new healthy strong attraction, then perhaps it's time to cut them loose and see what happens. Just make sure you're completely honest the entire way with everyone involved.

If you have any relationship related questions, feel free to send them to rotunda@longwood.edu with my name in the subject. And as always, be kind to each other's hearts; the next one that breaks might be yours.

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culminated in a kind of final internal struggle in a cave just outside Chattanooga, Tennessee, Cash found what he called "a peace with God" and emerged with a renewed faith in Christ. "It was said of jazz great Duke Ellington that his music was 'beyond category,'" said Charles Wolfe, music historian and author at Middle Tennessee State University.

"The same could be said of Johnny Cash - he too was beyond category. His music was simply a genre unto itself, Johnny Cash music."

Cash continued to work in an out of the spotlight, most recently with famed producer Rick Rubin, who signed such acts as Run DMC and was responsible for much of the early success of labels like Def Jam. Johnny Cash is survived by four daughters, one son, 12 grandchildren and millions of fans the world over.

Richard Cline of VCU and Justin Davey of Middle Tennessee State University contributed to this report.

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The New Way To Evaluate Professors

John Swapceinski and Justin Ranson
Guest Writers

Each semester, college students are asked to fill out teacher evaluations, only to watch the information disappear into the abyss, never to be seen again.

Word of mouth was the only option students had to learn about professors until recently. At [RateMyProfessors.com](http://www.ratemyprofessors.com) (<http://www.ratemyprofessors.com>), students can now anonymously rate professors on their helpfulness, clarity, difficulty of classes, and even physical attractiveness.

Students can also leave com-

ments about professors and the courses they teach.

The website was founded in 1999 by John Swapceinski, who graduated that year from San Jose State University. "I got the idea for the site after taking a class with a particularly dastardly professor who often left students in tears and genuinely seemed to enjoy it," he said.

Students who visit the site can check professors' ratings, or rate professors on a 1 to 5 scale, 5 being the best, in the categories of helpfulness, clarity, and easiness.

Although some expect the site to be just a place to bash professors, almost 70% of the

ratings are positive, according to Swapceinski.

At the time of this writing, RateMyProfessors.com had a total of 583 ratings for 130 Longwood University professors.

Longwood University's highest rated professor was Professor Jim Jordan of the Anthropology department, with an overall rating of 4.9.

Of the 15 ratings for this professor, comments included "if you don't laugh in class, you should see a physician as soon as possible," and "Dr. Jordan is DA BOMB!! His stories rock and he makes anthropology fun!"

The website also displays each school's "hottest" professors, indicated by a red chili pepper icon. With 10 "hot" votes, Professor Larissa Smith just may be the sexiest professor on campus.

The site is not without its critics. Some students question the validity of the ratings, especially since students are not required to log in to rate professors.

Even the site's list of frequently asked questions admits, "Remember, we have no way of knowing who is doing the rating - students, the teacher, other teachers, parents, dogs, cats, etc."

The website includes a section of the funniest ratings ever posted. One reads, "Boring! But I learned there are 137 tiles on the ceiling." Another: "He will destroy you like an academic ninja."

Swapceinski stated he receives threats of legal action from irate professors every week. "It's amazing," he said, "the number of professors with Ph.D's who don't get the concept of the First Amendment."

About the authors: John Swapceinski is the founder of RateMyProfessors.com.

Justin Ranson is a Sophomore Music Education student at Longwood University.

HOROSCOPES by Sam Wise-Ridges

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22)

Hopefully the flood from your watery butt will dry up before hurricane Isabel comes and washes both of you down stream.

Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22)

Coffee in the Student Union tastes like watery butt; connections? I don't know.

Scorpio (Oct. 23.-Nov. 21)

If your partner is spending more time in gym than with you maybe you should re-think your bedroom techniques. Did you see the interview with Arnold on *Oprah*?

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Don't head for cover; head for the party.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan 19)

You mean Greeks can't talk to non-Greeks this week? Maybe this rule should be implemented all year long.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You look like a dead fish.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

All hail to tube tops and booty shorts.

Aries (Mar. 21-April 19)

Who doesn't love the boobies?

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

It would do some good to listen to WMLU 91.3 on Fridays from 1-3pm. Except not this week or next week, but after that, you're good to go.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

My mom says you're welcome.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

The only vertical horizon the school has seen thus far is your ass crack.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Welcome Isabel with open arms.

Tongue in Cheek

by Ellie Woodruff



"Help protect your local satirist, stop overwhelming stupidity."

Outdoor Film Series Ends Early

Greg Tsigras
Guest Writer

The Downtown Film Series was supposed to present *West Side Story*, the final film of the sixth season of the award-winning "Stars Under The Stars" program.

The winner of 10 Academy Awards including Direction, Cinematography, Score, and Best Picture, *West Side Story* is considered to be among the best musicals ever and helped to usher in a new era of movie musical.

Echoing the love story of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, the

film stars Natalie Wood and Richard Beymer as star-crossed lovers whose ethnic backgrounds tie them to rival gangs.

As their impossible love affair develops, the Sharks and the Jets fight to claim and protect their share of territory in early 1960's New York.

The familiar story is supported by a memorable soundtrack by Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim, stunning choreography, and brilliant direction from Robert Wise and Jerome Robbins.

The influence of *West Side Story* is far-reaching, and can be seen in everything from GAP ads,

to movies such as *Shrek* and *Analyze That* to Micheal Jackson's video for "Beat It."

West Side Story will be canceled due to hurricane Isabel. The Outdoor Film Series will resume again next summer.



Parents Weekend Still a Joy in the Rain

Brette Lawrence
Staff Writer

For many students, Parents Weekend is the first time since they've moved in that they are able to see their family.

Despite the rain, students seemed to enjoy seeing their parents and participating in the activities that the school had planned.

The weekend included several workshops, as well as the quarter mile fundraiser that was put on by the University's Fraternities and Sororities.

Also occurring on Saturday afternoon were the "Captains Choice" golf tournament, and other fun family athletic events. Also, Lancer Productions showed the popular film *Finding Nemo* early in the afternoon.

There were also several performances including Barry Drake doing a bit on 60's rock, and when the music mattered.

Also performing was David Binder, who played music during lunch on Saturday. Saturday night, the Jarman Auditorium was hysterical, courtesy of the comedic antics of the Second City Comedy Troupe.

While it was good that a variety of activities were provided, many students felt a little overwhelmed by the assortment of events that they had to decide between, and not everyone was able to attend all of the activities that they had wanted to go to.

The bookstore was also opened extended hours this weekend to fill the needs of visiting families who were flocking to the store to stock up on Longwood University spirit-wear.

The bookstore gave out valuable coupons that were worth 20% off of any item.

While most of the activities were not affected by Saturday's inclement weather, a few changes had to be made.

The picnic lunch that was scheduled had to be moved

indoors, and many of the participants who were supposed to attend the golf tournament on Saturday afternoon did not show up.

Despite this, those who did show up seemed to enjoy themselves.

Overall, parents weekend seemed to be a hit. On Sunday afternoon, the families headed for home thinking about the fun time they had at this year's parents weekend at Longwood University.

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Field Hockey Victorious in John Wesner Memorial Tournament

Sports Information

The Longwood University field hockey team captured the John Wesner Memorial Tournament championship this weekend winning three games in two days over Catawba, Kutztown and Indiana-Pennsylvania.

Sophomore Alexis Ramey (Westminster, Calif. /Marina) was named the Tournament MVP among five LU players earning All-Tournament Team honors.

Ramey was joined on the All-Tournament Team by Hawkins, along with sophomores Sarah Hitchings (Virginia Beach, Va./Kempsville), Julie Price (Stafford, Va./North Stafford), and Marina Sizow (Virginia Beach, Va./Kempsville).

In the first game against Catawba, the Lancers came out in full force, scoring three goals in the first half.

Sizow nailed a shot straight into the back on the net off of a penalty corner at the 20:50 mark. Ramey also scored for Longwood off of a penalty corner at the 10:20 mark.

Senior Andrea Wilkinson (Chantilly, Va./Chantilly) made the score 3-0 going into the half, putting the ball past the goalkeeper off of a cross from Price at the top of the circle with 30 seconds left.

In the second period, Hitchings put one in the net at the 18:20 mark with help from Wilkinson. Price put the finishing touches on the shut out, scoring on a penalty corner from senior Erin Sixsmith (Alexandria, Va./West Potomac) with five minutes left in the match.

Longwood split its time in the net between junior Julie Patterson (Esmont, Va./Monticello), who played for 50 minutes and had one save, and freshman Chris Cimino (Fairfax Station, Va./Hayfield) who was credited with four saves in 20 minutes.

Senior Maria Maculaitis (Red Bank, N.J./Rumson-Fair Haven) and sophomore Shannon Ratte (Virginia Beach, Va./Kempsville) were credited

in the first half when Ramey found the back of the cage at 13:43, assisted by freshman Katy Lernihan (Fredericksburg, Va./ Chancellor) on a penalty-corner play.

Wilkinson gave the Lancers a 2-0 lead at the intermission when she tallied a goal at 16:43, assisted by Hawkins. Ramey added an insurance goal in the second half at 52:25, assisted by Ratte on another penalty-corner play for a 3-0 lead.

The host Indians avoided the shutout when Chrissy Hill scored a goal at 54:36, assisted by Kandice Pyles.

Patterson played all 70 minutes in net for the Lancers and made 12 saves as Indiana-Pa. took a 12-8 advantage in shots, and a 16-13 edge in penalty-corners. Jamie Parell five saves for the hosts.

Longwood is now 3-4 overall and will play again this Friday, Sept. 19, at NCAA Division I Towson University in Maryland.

The Lancers' offense this season is led by a group of underclassmen.

Sophomore Alexis Ramey has tallied five goals and one assists in seven games, including scoring four goals this past weekend at the John Wesner Memorial Tournament.

Sophomore Julie Price and freshman Jen Hawkins follow with one goal each, while senior Erin Sixsmith leads Longwood with two assists.

In net for the Lancers, junior Julie Patterson has recorded 56 saves and a .737 saves percentage.

Freshman Chris Cimino saw her first action for Longwood as goalkeeper against Catawba Saturday and had four saves in 20 minutes.



with one defensive save each.

In game two of the tournament, the Lancers took a 1-0 lead over Kutztown going into the half, with Ramey scoring at the 12:61 mark.

Kutztown came back in the second half and scored with three minutes remaining to send the game into overtime.

In the extra period, Hawkins gave the Lancers the victory scoring off a rebound from the goalkeeper at the 11:10 mark.

Patterson played all 70 minutes in net for Longwood and recorded 11 saves.

In the championship match, Longwood opened the scoring

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Women's Cross Country Wins Danville Collegiate Challenge

Sports Information

Longwood University totaled 33 points to win the seven-team 2003 Danville Collegiate Challenge September 13 in Danville -- the second-straight year that the Lancers have won this event.

Junior Jessica Walton/Williamsburg (Jamestown) who won the 5K (3.1 miles) race with a course-record and personal-best time of 20:41 among 34 runners overall.

Longwood will return to action September 20 with its participation in the James Madison University

Invitational in Harrisonburg.

In Danville, Walton was followed by junior Lynette Robinson/Mineral (Louisiana Co.) with her time of 20:43 to place third -- also bettering the previous course-record.

Other Longwood runners included juniors Tiffany Denby/Charlottesville (Monticello) (23:13, 9th) and Holly Miller/Newport News (Woodside) (23:28, 10th), along with graduate student Theresa Bridge/Farmville (Prince Edward Co.) (24:11, 14th).

Following the JMU competition, Longwood will participate in the Maymont Festival September 26 in Richmond.

Men's Cross Country Second in Danville Collegiate Challenge

Sports Information

Longwood University totaled 77 points to finish second among seven teams at the 2003 Danville Collegiate Challenge September 13 in Danville.

For the second-straight week, it is the highest team finish for the Lancers in the three-year history of the program.

Barton (N.C.) won the event with 46 points.

Longwood will return to action September 20 with its participation in the James Madison University Invitational in Harrisonburg.

In Danville, freshman Keith Smith/Powhatan (Powhatan) led Longwood with his time of 30:21 to

place fourth among 47 runners overall in the 8K (5.0 miles) event.

Smith was followed by classmate Chris Gibbs/Richmond (L.C. Bird) (32:42, 15th), sophomore Joel Burkett/Chesterfield (Manchester) (33:47, 20th), junior Greg Harrison/Fairfax (Robinson) (33:48, 21st), freshman Wes Spece/Martinsville (Carlisle) (34:14, 25th), sophomore John Lampkins/Chesapeake (Western Branch) (35:58, 29th), along with freshman Deo Smith/Bridgeport, Conn. (Kolbe Cathedral) (41:28, 44th).

Following the JMU competition, Longwood will participate in the Maymont Festival September 26 in Richmond.

Men's Soccer Takes Double Loss at Old Dominion Stihl Soccer Classic

Sports Information

The Longwood University men's soccer team faced tough competition this past weekend at the Old Dominion Stihl Soccer Classic in Norfolk, Va.

In Friday's match against William & Mary, the Lancers came out strong, but couldn't hold off the Tribe, falling 6-0.

Longwood split time in the net between freshman Justin Brock (Palo Alto, Calif./Palo Alto), who had two saves, and sophomore Bryan Sanford (Springfield, Va./West Springfield) who was credited with one save.

Senior forward Mark Connelly (Warrenton, Va./Fauquier) led the Lancers with two shots, followed by senior midfielder Shawn Spilman (Cincinnati, Ohio/Oak Hills) with one.

In Sunday's game against No.

6 Old Dominion, the Lancers battled tough for the opening 45 minutes as the hosts could only manage one first-half goal at 22:52 from Artita Vendegh.

The powerful Monarchs pulled away in the second half, getting goals from Vendegh (49:05), Kyle Hartley (55:16), a pair from Kevin McMenamin (64:50, 75:46), and Gianni Cimini (84:27) for a final score of 6-0.

Sanford started in goal and played the first 51:39, allowing just two goals with two saves as Old Dominion took a 15-3 advantage in shots and an 8-1 edge in corner-kicks.

Brock finished in front of the net, playing the final 30:21 and allowing four goals with two saves.

Monarch keepers Samuel Cameron (1) and John Connelly combined for one save.

Spilman and junior Stuart

Bertsch (Norfolk, Va./Maury) were each named to the All-Tournament Team.

The Lancers are now 2-5 this season and will play again this Wednesday, September 17, at Division I Winthrop University in South Carolina.

The Lancers are led this season by Bertsch who has scored three goals and tallied 14 shots through seven games.

Matt Dishner (Mechanicsburg, Pa./Jefferson Forest [Va.]) and James Agorsor (Gambrills, Md./South River) each have one goal for the Lancers, while Spilman and Tony Soles (Springfield, Va./West Springfield) have been credited with one assist apiece this season.

In the net, Brock has recorded 18 saves and a .514 saves percentage, while Sanford has 12 saves and a .632 saves percentage.

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Women's Soccer Overall Record: 1-2-1

Sports Information

Longwood University went 0-1-1 during the past week, including a 0-0 double-overtime tie at NCAA Division I Liberty University September 13 after a 4-1 setback at Francis Marion (S.C.) September 10.

The Lancers are now 1-2-1 this season, and were sched-

uled to play again September 17 at Division II Barton College in North Carolina.

At Liberty -- a member of the Big South Conference, the Lancers and Flames played through 90 minutes of regulation and an additional 20 minutes of overtime (two 10-minute periods) with neither team able to dent the scoreboard.

Longwood's best scoring opportunity was a shot that went just wide of the far post when senior Phoebe Munson/Virginia Beach (Tallwood) beat the host keeper.

Junior keeper Lindsay Naill/Alexandria (Bishop Ireton) made seven saves

as Liberty took a 9-3 shot-advantage, and a 3-2 edge in corner-kick opportunities.

At FMU, the Patriots led 3-0 at the intermission en route to the victory.

Longwood tallied a goal early in the second half to narrow the deficit to 3-1 as sophomore April Lockley/California, Md. (Leonardtown) finished a cross from freshman Kelsie Bradberry/Richmond (Monacan) at 55:49.

The hosts wrapped-up the scoring with a goal at 89:25. Freshman keeper Heather Storrie/Spring Grove, Pa. (Spring Grove) played the first half with no saves, while Naill had one save in the second half for the Lancers.

Francis Marion took a 10-5 advantage in shots, and a 6-3 edge in corner-kick

opportunities.

Through four matches,



Naill has played 155 minutes in front of the net, allowing just one goal (0.58) with eight saves for an .889 save percentage.

Storrie has played 225 minutes in front of the net, allowing six goals (2.40) with 12 saves for a .667 save percentage.

Following the Barton match, Longwood will

return home to Lancer Field to host Division I Virginia Military Institute -- another member of the Big South Conference September 19 at 7 p.m. in Farmville.

The Lancers will then play on the road again September 21 at Division III Roanoke College.



Sexual Responsibility Week

September 22nd -26th

Monday, September 22 - Sex in the Dark

LOCATION: Lankford Student Union 'C' Room 8:00pm

Come hear what others have to say about sexual health. This program will give you the opportunity to ask questions and talk openly without being recognized. It is completely in the dark!

Tuesday, September 23 - Sex Jeopardy

LOCATION: Lankford Student Union 'A' Room 6:00pm

This fun spin on the popular game show will help attendees gain a better understanding of sexual health issues facing college students today.

Wednesday, September 24 - Fearsome Foursome

LOCATION: Lankford Student Union 'B' & 'C' Rooms 6:00pm

This is the true story of 4 Longwood students and their journey to help others understand what it's like to not be heterosexual on college campuses. Come see what happens when people start asking questions and getting informed!

Thursday, September 25 - Healthy Relationships

LOCATION: Lankford Student Union 'B' & 'C' Rooms 6:00pm

Come hear Dr. Frank Howe talk about what it means to have a healthy relationship and characteristics of healthy relationships.

Sponsored by the Student Health and Wellness Center, Counseling Center, Unity Alliance, Wellness Advocates, and Peer Helpers

If you have questions, please call 2509!

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September 25, 2003

The Aftermath of Isabel

Liz Richards
Editor-in-Chief

Only days after Hurricane Isabel hit the eastern seaboard, and left a number of Virginians without power, tornados touched down over the Richmond area.

Residents, some still without power, were woken by pre-dawn tornados with winds as high as 112 mph, stronger than those of Isabel.

The wind and rain left behind even more flooded roadways, damaged homes and uprooted trees.

Tornados touched down in Nottoway, then moved towards Richmond and then northeast into Maryland.

Another tornado that began in King William County also touched down in King and

Queen counties southeast of Hampton Roads.

Six areas were hit although there's no report on how many individual tornados caused the damage.

According to the National Weather Center, one spotted near a middle school in Chesterfield County left a path 3 miles long and 200 yards wide.

According to *The Richmond Times Dispatch*, damage costs have risen to \$500 million, becoming Virginia's most expensive natural disaster.

A number of residents went without power after Tuesday's tornados, raising the total number of those without power to 600,000.

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Margaret Gibson Reads at Longwood

Shawn Garrett
Guest Writer

"Voices, voices. Listen my heart as only saints have listened..." So began the first reading of the 2003-2004 Author's Series, a chain of celebrated prose and poetry writers who came to Longwood to give readings from their selected works.

The readings, in the same vein as a piano recital or gallery exhibition, grant the work of the author the intended narrative voice, and thus an incredibly enriching and often moving experience for the audience.

Last night's reading was given by renowned poet Margaret Gibson. Gibson is the author of seven collections of poetry including *Ion and Evidence* (2001); *Earth Elegy, New and Selected Poems* (1997); *The Vigil, A Poem in Four Voices, Out in the Open* (1989); *Memories of the Future, The Daybooks of Tina Modotti, Long Walks in the Afternoon*, and *Signs* (1979).

Gibson, dressed in a knee-length kimono, seemed to glide across the stage following an introduction by Author Series

head Dr. Craig Challenger. Dr. Challenger read from Mrs. Gibson's work before giving about 35 Longwood faculty and students, as well as a handful of local residents, a brief personal history of the poet, including her local ties.

Gibson has degrees from two Virginia colleges, Hollins College and the University of Virginia; her mother was a Longwood graduate of the class of 1928; and her sister, who was present at the reading, is a resident of Farmville.

The readings moved between the sorrow of a besieged South American village, and the novelty and fancy of a bird trapped in the poet's living room, determined to escape through a single closed window though all the others were wide open.

Discussions in her poems touched on other scenes such as the Hail Bopp comet, love affairs with trees and fellow poets or the personification of a beloved field in "Epistle to the Field."

Notably among the attending faculty was Dean Cordle and a

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Flag Football tournament began Thursday, September 25th. This intramural sport is offered every fall through campus recreation. Any student can participate as long as they can get enough people for a team and pay an entry fee. Winners of the championship game are awarded with t-shirts. The games take place on Her field. To check on the schedule, go to: www.longwood.edu/recreation/schedule



The Fearsome Foursome Returns

Leslie Smith
News Editor

Walter Gray, Amy Whipple, Natasha Caballero, and Jessica Smith were Wednesday's "Fearsome Foursome," with Sarah Rogers and Jenn Dize mediating.

Rogers and Dize gave a few statistics before starting the forum, including: "92% of gay men and women have suffered through verbal attacks and 40% through physical," Rogers said. Dize says, "In 1974, homosexuality was considered a psychological disease."

Jessica Smith started off the discussion, saying that she is a senior, and has been a vegetarian since 8th grade, which was a characteristic according to the movie *But I'm a Cheerleader*.

She admits to being a "girly girl" as a child, with a bubblegum pink bedroom.

Smith flirted with the boys, and did her girlfriends' hair for prom

and dances. She grew up with a liberal nonreligious background, and her mom was pretty open about sex.

Smith knew from high school that she had similar feelings for girls as she did for guys, but she never thought that it might be abnormal.

Then, when she was accepted to Sweet Briar College, she found out that her roommate was a lesbian. Smith was unaffected by the news, though her parents, surprisingly, were uncomfortable with the idea, and told her that getting a different roommate might be a better idea.

Smith stuck with her though, and found quickly that she was a polar opposite to her roommate.

But, after a while, they talked more and they became fast friends. Eventually, Smith started to have feelings for her, and became very confused.

Smith confessed to her friend one night, and found out that she was having feelings for Smith also. They started going out not long afterwards.

When Smith decided to come out to her friends and family, she did it slowly. She gained the acceptance of her friends, and over winter break, she came out to her mother.

At first, her mom was okay with it, not saying much, and they both cried. Then, a while later, her mom became depressed and aggravated, acting out violently toward both Smith and herself.

The moment that Smith remembers the most is that one morning, a while after she had come out, her mother entered her room, sat on her bed, and said, "If I kill myself today, it's your fault."

See **FOURSOME** p.5

Words From the Editor



So, what did you do during Hurricane Isabel?

Me, I sat in my house with my roommates and watched lots of movies, all while consuming lots and lots of calories.

I sat on my butt Thursday, and did absolutely nothing. In the midst of my boredom, I began to think about what my other friends were doing, particularly those from high school.

Some have gone onto college to become athletes, talented singers, painters, etc.

A few are spread across the United States in random states,

most along the east coast, and I couldn't help but wonder if they were doing the same, nonproductive things that I was.

It's strange, the things you think about when you're in a state of total boredom.

What's funny is how different my friends are from one another, but we all want the same thing, success.

Ask anyone what their definition of success is, and you'll get many different answers. Is it graduating from Longwood? Landing our dream job? Starting a family? Everyone has their own definition of success.

I have a friend that I went to high school with, and when we both graduated together she went to New York City and I came here.

She landed a job with MTV,

and now has a show on the WB.

I would say she's pretty successful. In fact, if that were me, I would be happy living in New York City!

I received an email from her, and she was really excited about everything that was going on in her life, but more than anything she couldn't wait to get married. To her, being married is it. So while the rest of my friends and I are all envious of her rock-star status, we are simply trying to make it to our 8 a.m. classes!

Me, I'm waiting to graduate, just like a lot of us, and hoping to make a life for myself after Longwood.

Liz Richards

Liz Richards
Editor-in-Chief

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The Rotunda is an equal opportunity volunteer organization and is looking for people who are interested in writing or layout. We currently have positions available and ask anyone who is interested to come to our meetings, Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

Letter to the Editor: There is Glass in My Pizza

Dear Editor:

No one is more excited than I at the fact that Longwood gave students an extra \$50 on their café cards per semester this year.

Along with other students I now can splurge a little more on good wholesome fast food and not have to worry about running out of money before October even comes.

This has been a welcome addition to my college experience, but eating glass Thursday, September 11th was not.

After an ordinary day, one of many here at Longwood, I went out to Bené Pizza around 11 p.m.

with a couple of friends with an intense hunger that only the café could satisfy.

I walked into the dimly lit, newly decorated café, and proceeded to deliberate upon which side I wanted to get food, and that is where I made my fateful decision. I headed for Bené Pizza, craving a slice of cheese pizza.

I stepped in line and waited patiently to place my order, and made my second fateful decision, in which I decided to sprinkle parmesan cheese and oregano onto my slice of pizza, a decision I usually say no to.

Little did I know that the

oregano container had been chipped, small enough that no one noticed and big enough so that when I took my first bite I realized very quickly I was biting something other than cheese pizza. Enraged, I suppressed the urge to call a lawyer, and instead reported the incident.

Obviously, I did not die, and in fact as far as I can tell no permanent damage was done. Bené Pizza did contact me and give me a certificate for a free large pizza. And while I will be checking to make sure no glass makes it onto my pizza, word to the wise, check before you shake.

~Susan South

To the Directors of Student Leadership and the Greek Community

Dear Editor:

I have a few questions for you regarding the sudden change of plans with Fraternity and Sorority Recruitment.

I've heard a lot of rumors surrounding your lack of faith in the Greek Community. I've heard that your directors teamed up on this decision to practically force us to participate in Citizen Leader Day (an all day event this Saturday), and Walk has been pushed back (from Friday night to Saturday night) because you think those who signed up for Citizen Leader Day wouldn't go, or would show up hung over?

This, I have a few problems with. First of all, Greeks are not the only

ones to go out and party on the weekends. I guarantee you that there will be other "independents" at Citizen Leader Day that went out the night before.

And besides, students aren't going to call it a night at 10 p.m. this Friday just because they know they have to get up early the next morning.

Hello?! We stay up until 2 a.m. during the week, and then go to our 8 a.m. classes the next morning!

What makes you think students are going to stay in on a Friday night? My second point is that there are not a whole lot of Greeks that participate in Citizen Leader Day. I went as a freshman, and that was the

last time I'll ever go.

Sure there are Greeks that go, but they are spread few and far between, that is...unless they are forced to go.

If you can honestly tell me that Greeks make up more than half of those that attend Citizen Leader Day, then I'll retract this entire argument, but I know that I'm right when I say that there are very few Greeks that attend.

My third and final argument is this: since Walk has been moved to Saturday, do you really think Greeks will go to Citizen Leader Day? Or will you (please) face the reality that they will be hanging out with their Fraternity or Sorority.

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"If you're not mad, you're not paying attention!"

The "Activist" is your outlet for battling social injustice and things that suck. This is your chance to do something about societal evils, instead of just whining about them. So speak up and act up. Because, if you're not mad, you're not paying attention. E-mail Activist ideas to rotunda@longwood.edu.

Place Blame Where it Belongs

Anthony Sinecoff
Guest Writer

Shame was brought upon Longwood University during the Life and Liberty Ministries anti-abortion rally held earlier this month. This [was the subject of last week's activist], according to an anonymous writer, whose titled story proclaimed: "students are educated, protesters are not."

In fact, extremism was evident on both sides of the issue, and fair and open discourse was lacking, not just on the part of protesters.

The writer suggests that the town of Farmville and Longwood University itself should, along with students; share in the shame of inciting such "ignorance" right here in our back yard.

Should Longwood feel ashamed for allowing a group to exercise their constitutional rights?

Should Longwood feel ashamed for allowing a group to protest on campus?

The writer incorrectly labeled Longwood as private property. It is anything but. While there were areas the protesters could not enter into, Longwood is a public university, and as such provides venues for constitutionally protected freedoms.

Is it more or less just to prevent freedom of speech and expression even if one ardently disagrees with the precepts of the message?

Shame wasn't just heaved upon our institution but it was also for you, the fellow students, who "incited" a fundamentalist group and thereby provided the very attention that should have been avoided at all costs.

In speaking of this action the writer states, "Instead, we did exactly what they wanted us to do. Get angry, upset, and do things such as spit on them." What is most surprising about this state-

ment is the fact that the regret is not relegated to the terrible acts aforementioned but the fact that the protesters: "got what they wanted."

If such acts actually took place, chastisement should be applied to the merits thereof instead of worrying about the "evil desires" of protesters being satisfied.

Acts such as spitting on a protestor are shameful in and of themselves because they are disgusting acts, not because a protestor may get attention for them.

The writer goes on to describe the ringleader as an "inbred redneck that hated women, homosexuals and pretty much anyone else that disagreed with him."

If the protesters paint with a broad stroke, this anonymous writer seems to be coloring with crayons, outside the lines.

Remarks such as these seem only to propagate the retaliatory gestures that the writer is so concerned about and is accusing the students of.

Is it more or less educated to resort to name-calling such as this? Just because someone may "thump" a bible doesn't let one off the hook from formulating an intelligent argument against him or her.

Just because they quote scripture doesn't mean one automatically rise above the merits of any argument. Making such broad and generic statements not only harms the counter protest but also taints any semblance of intellectual honesty.

What was shocking was the blatant double standard that was applied to the protestors. In one instance a student demanded the exact number of college girls that had abortions, a clearly vague question with many dynamics.

When, in the spirit of open debate and discourse, the protestor responded with an unfavorable answer the student yelled to the crowd in an attempt to sway opinion: "This man is trying to preach to us about abortion and he doesn't even know the number of students that have abortions!"

To any objective observer such a standard is absurd and would not be applied to someone purporting to be pro-choice.

The protestors brought up interesting points when one of them said to a student: "I'm surprised that you are more upset with the picture than the act it represents." What this anonymous writer saw as a disgusting poster is an act that, in reality, occurs very often, whether you are for or against it, and the viewing of such media should be taken with a grain of salt if he/she indeed adheres to a pro-choice agenda.

Indeed, many students did go about their business on that tumultuous day without bothering to notice what was happening behind the Student Union building - these students were apparently either too busy or confident enough in their belief that they didn't feel a need to argue their point *ad nauseum*.

Other students talked with the protestors and respectfully shared their views on the issue and respect was given in return.

Instead of suggesting that the source of our problems is a group that was given a chance to demonstrate in the public forum, we should admire the freedom we have to exchange such ideas, even though we may disagree with them or the methods used.

Shame should be reserved for the actual atrocities mentioned and a more introspective approach should be taken before critiques and the fire and brimstone of shame are cast down upon our fellow students.

props and drops

Props:

- + Ugly people on TV
- + Alicia Silverstone
- + Benny and Joon
- + Being proposed to and getting married
- + Ending sentences with prepositions also
- + Romantic kisses in the moonlight

Drops:

- To having electricity on campus after the storm.
- To broken air conditioners
- Making soldiers pay for their hospital food.
- People that don't shower and come to class all funky
- Water Damage
- Tornadoes

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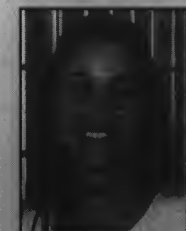
Where were you
during Hurricane Isabel?



"Driving to Charlotte, NC for my step-brother's wedding."
—Brooke Lineberry, Sophomore



"I was at home in Colonial Heights and we lost power. It was fun for awhile playing cards in the dark by candle light."
—Stephanie Gattis, Sophomore



"I was working as an RA [on second floor]. We had flooding on the hall. We had to distribute food and flashlights, answer questions, and enforce the lock down."
—Bethany Rababy, Sophomore



"I drove back to Northern Virginia to be with my mommy. We were the only ones that had power."
—Whitney Mercer, Sophomore

New Federal Reserve Bank President Speaks

LU Public Relations

J. Alfred Broadus Jr., president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, will speak Tuesday, September 30, at 7 p.m. in Longwood University's Hiner Auditorium on "The Economy: Where's it Headed and When?"

He is the first speaker in the 2003-2004 Executive-in-Residence series by the College of Business & Economics, which brings corporate leaders to campus.

The series is made possible through support from SunTrust and Philip Morris. A Richmond native and an economist, Broadus has worked at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, one of 12 banks in the Federal Reserve system since 1970 and has been president since 1993.

Additionally, he is a member of the Federal Open Market Committee, which manages the nation's money supply to help the economy achieve sustainable growth and is the Fed's chief

monetary policy-making body.

"I've been at the Fed for more than 32 years and have had the privilege of either advising monetary policy-makers or being a policy-maker myself throughout my career," he said. "It has been quite a ride."

For much of this period the Fed was struggling to prevent inflation from rising further, or to bring it down.

"I've been giving talks about the economy for over 30 years. Frankly, it's more fun to give them when the economy is clearly doing well than when it is not. One of my most vivid career memories is speaking to a Homebuilders' Association in the late 1970s when inflation was roaring and interest rates were well into double digits."

Most of the audience showed up with little two-by-fours, which was a bit intimidating. "As our nation's central bank, the Federal Reserve has an important role to play in economic education."

"At the Richmond Fed, we

feel that the more the public understands about monetary policy and the Fed's role in stabilizing the economy, the more successful the Fed will be in promoting a strong and stable economy."

Broadus, who has a Ph.D. in economics, was Executive-in-Residence at Longwood in 1994 and was the speaker for Longwood's December commencement in 1997.

Other speakers in this year's Executive-in-Residence series will include Peter J. Bernard, CEO of Bon Secours Richmond Health System (November 5), C. Gilmer Minor III, chairman and CEO of Owens & Minor Inc. (January 19), and Charles T. Hill, chairman, president and CEO of SunTrust Bank, Mid-Atlantic (February 2).

Last year's speakers included S. Truett Cathy, founder and chairman of Chick-fil-A Restaurants, and Jane Maas, a retired advertising executive who developed the highly successful "I Love New York" campaign.

Spy Serum Sold as Hangover Cure

U-Wire

Would you pay \$4.99 to be privy to the secrets of Russian spies? Some students may when they find out an old spy remedy could cure the hangovers that ravage them every Saturday and Sunday morning.

RU-21, a new supplement its manufacturers claim works to control the negative side effects of alcohol, is now declassified and on the U.S. market. Spirit Sciences USA Inc., a Los Angeles-based firm, imports the pills from Russia.

The Russian Academy of Sciences developed RU-21 in 1978 to help its spies remain sober as they drank with enemy marks, said Emil Chiaberi, Spirit Sciences chief operating officer.

After testing, scientists realized the spies didn't actually remain sober. However, the scientists did find that the spies didn't have hangovers the next day, Chiaberi said. The benefits of the compound were revealed to the public four years ago when the project

files were declassified, Chiaberi said.

"This product is not a miracle cure," Chiaberi said. "It is designed for light to moderate drinkers to help balance the benefits and risks of drinking."

Consumers are told to take two pills either before or during the consumption of two drinks. Users will still feel the alcohol's effects, but the pills will stop hangovers the next morning, Chiaberi said.

Some critics say that this product is a bad idea because it will only encourage people to drink and it will promote risky behavior. University of Maryland University Health Center officials and workers at the Center For Substance Abuse Research on Hartwick Road said they have not heard of the product.

It is a common belief that if people do not have a reminder of their behavior from the previous night, they will continue to drink, Chiaberi said. But he disagrees with the presumption.

"Hangovers do not deter alco-

hol consumption. People who are hung over are likely to consume alcohol again," he said. Hangover-induced absenteeism and poor job performance costs the U.S. economy more than \$100 billion a year, he said, and RU-21 can change those numbers. He also said the drug could stop poor driving caused by hangovers, and could also help curb alcohol cravings.

Spirit Sciences has not done any advertisements for the product, although Leo Rossi, from the movie "Analyze This," volunteered to appear in an ad endorsing the product.

Despite a lack of advertising, Internet sales for RU-21 in the United States are about \$70,000 a month. The product is becoming popular by word of mouth, he said, and soon the pills will be available at General Nutrition Center locations and possibly CVS pharmacies, Chiaberi said.

Consumers can buy one packet with 20 pills for \$4.99 plus \$6.99 for shipping and handling at www.ru-21.com.

AFTERMATH can't p.l Dominion Virginia Power hopes to have 75 percent of all resident's power turned on by Thursday. There is no word on how long it will be for the rest, according to *The Richmond Times Dispatch*.

Some schools on Virginia's southeastern seaboard are still without power, and have cancelled classes for the rest of the week.

Restaurants along the coast are taking extra measures to make sure they meet health standards after days without power, while some are still waiting for power.

According to *The Richmond Times Dispatch*, state agencies released these figures: more than 626 homes destroyed with another 6,000 sustaining major damage; 47 shelters housed more than 1,000 residents; three main roads partially closed and 238 secondary roads closed; more than 19,000 customers without telephone service; and 87

American Red Cross sites serving more than 59,000 meals since the rain began Thursday morning.

To help with recovery, a disaster recovery shelter was opened in Poquoson, with more than 70 people lined up outside the shelter before it's 9 a.m. opening last Tuesday.

While most officials were concerned with beginning recovery of the land, others were interested in recovering goods for themselves, like an ATM machine that was reported stolen in Fredericksburg.

Some stores on the seaboard were reported to have raised prices on many items.

The state set up a toll-free number, (877) 245-5513, for those who want to make contributions - goods, services or cash - to help Virginians affected by Hurricane Isabel.

Donations will go to the American Red Cross, the Central Foodbank of Virginia, Goodwill, the Salvation Army and the Church World Service.

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AT A TIME WHEN ISSUES of corporate governance, financial reporting and business ethics are making headlines daily, it is important to remember that American industry continues to provide valued leadership for our global economy. This month, we are pleased to feature J. Alfred Broadus as our guest speaker in the 2003-04 Executive-in-Residence series. Dr. Broadus, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, will speak on *The Economy: Where's it Headed and When?* Public Invited - Seating Limited - Free Admission.

J. Alfred Broadus Jr., joined the Bank's research staff as an Economist in 1970. He was named Senior Vice President and Director of Research in 1985 and was promoted to his present position on January 1, 1993. In addition to his responsibilities at the Richmond Bank, Dr. Broadus serves on the Federal Open Market Committee of the Federal Reserve System. Dr. Broadus, a native of Richmond, is the author of numerous articles on banking and monetary policy.

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A joke?

FEARSOME cont'd p.1

Smith was allowed to finish out the semester, then had to leave the campus, resulting in her attendance here at Longwood.

She and her girlfriend went out for two years, and have since broken up. Smith is now dating a male friend of many years, and is communicating better with her parents.

Following this harrowing story came Natasha Caballero, a sophomore psych major. She was raised Catholic, but she "failed" at it. Caballero always knew she liked boys, and believes a lot in equality for everyone. She is a member of Unity Alliance and participates in their functions.

Amy Whipple is a junior English major. She could tell she was different in middle school, because all of her friends liked Jonathan Taylor Thomas, and she did not know why.

She dated boys, but lost interest in them quickly. "I played in the creek, I played with the hamsters," she said. Her dad was

nonreligious, and her mom was "very Catholic," and very repressed about sex and sexuality.

Whipple did not have a drive to find out any information on her own until chatting one night with a random man in a chat room online. He talked to her about his being bi, and it was the first time she had ever encountered this type of sexuality. Interested, she searched and found out.

When she was 16, she and a friend from church decided to experiment together, and Whipple experienced a feeling, "even though it was pure lust, it was different," than any other thing she had felt with a boy.

Now she has a steady relationship, and has a lot of love.

Her view on religion in the context of love is that, "even though at church they said it was wrong, I didn't, and I still don't believe that God thinks it's wrong."

Finally, Walter Gray, a junior English major, spoke. He told the audience that he was unable to come out of the closet to himself

until he was a junior in high school. Afterwards, he realized that he had been gay since birth, and could see in old photos that he was definitely a "little flame." Gray had always dated girls "that everyone else wanted to date," and had considered himself straight. But, after he had come out to himself, he dated a man, and had "the best time I've ever had with anyone."

Coming out to his friends was easy, and when he came out to his parents, they had only small problems with it, and readily accepted him. He is comfortable with himself, and has not ever had problems with other people not accepting him.

The audience sat transfixed during the discussion, and asked many questions at the end. People in the audience also got up and shared experiences that they had lived through with the group.

The "Fearsome Foursome" has been held at this campus many times, and will be held again in the Spring.

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good number of English professors. Dennis Burges, Lecturer in English, commented that, among colleges and universities with similar programs, "Longwood has a better record of drawing bigger name and better credentialed writers than larger universities."

Margaret Gibson was born and raised in the Richmond area and has had five of her books nominated for the Pulitzer prize. Among her other awards and nominations, *The Vigil*, *A Poem in Four Voices* was a Finalist for the National Book Award in 1993; *Memories of the Future*, *The Daybooks of Tina Modotti* was a co-winner of the Melville Cane Award of the

Poetry Society of America in 1986-87; and *Long Walks in the Afternoon* was the 1982 Lamont Selection of the Academy of American Poets.

"Earth Elegy," the title poem of *New and Selected Poems*, won The James Boatwright III Prize for Poetry. "Archaeology" was awarded a Pushcart Prize in 2001.

Gibson has been a Visiting Professor at The University of Connecticut since 1993. She has been awarded a National Endowment for the Arts Grant, a Lila Wallace/Reader's Digest Fellowship, and Grants from the Connecticut Commission on the Arts. Her most recent work, *Autumn Grasses* was published by LSU Press in 2003.

You Are What You Drink

Liz Richards
Editor-in-Chief

The type of alcohol consumed also plays a role in the accumulation of abdominal fat.

A recent study published in the Journal of Nutrition reveals that what American's drink, along with what they eat, can have an effect on the size of their waistline.

The frequency of alcohol consumption, as well as what kind of alcohol, and the amount consumed, can have an impact on abdominal fat.

Also known as a "beer gut," central adiposity can be measured by abdominal height.

One way to test the presence of abdominal fat is to lie down on the floor, stomach facing up, and the excess fat that extends above the torso is an estimation of the amount of central adiposity.

Wine drinkers are reported to have the smallest "gut," while liquor drinkers tended to have the largest.

The term "beer gut" would be an oxymoron according to this study's findings, which claim that beer doesn't account for abdominal fat.

Those who binge drink, infrequently but heavily, have more central adiposity than those who drink smaller amounts frequently, even if the amount over a set period of time is the same.

These findings also support the idea that central adiposity contributes to heart disease, and is therefore the unhealthiest area to accumulate fat.

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Friday
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Men's Tennis
@Liberty Invitational
Tournament
TBD

Cross Country
@Maymont Festival in
Richmond
TBD

LP Movie
Remember the Titans
Moton Museum
9 p.m.

Tuesday
30

SGA Meeting
Lankford ABC Rooms
3:45 p.m.

**Finding a Summer
Internship**
Career Center
4- 5 p.m.

Women's Soccer
@Tusculum (Tenn.)
4 p.m.

Christinia Draper
Ms. Wheelchair Virginia
Lankford Ballroom
8 p.m.

Saturday
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HAPPY NEW YEAR



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Rosh Hashanah

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Citizen Leader Day

Men's Tennis
@Liberty Invitational
Tournament
TBD

Field Hockey
@Philadelphia (Pa.)
Noon

Men's Soccer
@Radford
7 p.m.

Women's Soccer
vs. Christopher Newport
7 p.m.

Singer
Chinua Hawk
Lankford Ballroom
8 p.m.

Sunday
28

Field Hockey
@Lehigh (Pa.)
1 p.m.

Gyre Meeting
Charlotte Room
6 p.m.

WMLU Meeting
Hiner 207
9 p.m.

**Happy 21st
Birthday
Liz!!!!**

Wednesday
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Martial Arts Club
Tabb Wrestling Room
7:30- 9:30 p.m.

**Greek Recruitment
Begins Again**

Monday
29

**Just for Juniors
and Sophomores**
Career Center
7- 8 p.m.

Rotunda Meeting
Student Union (across from
the Post Office)
7:30 p.m.

Thursday
2

Baptist Student Union
Behind Stubbs
5:15 p.m.

Unity Alliance
Grainger G16
8 p.m.

**InterVarsity Christian
Fellowship**
Hull Auditorium
8:30 p.m.

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Washington DC Puts the French Back in French Fries

U-WIRE

In an effort to smooth over past grudges, lawmakers in Washington, D.C., have decided it is time to put the "French" back in French fry and French toast and have ordered restaurants to follow suit.

When France declined involvement in the United States' war in Iraq last spring, an angry U.S. House of Representatives ordered House cafeteria menus to read "Freedom fries" and "Freedom toast" instead of "French fries" and "French toast."

Now, as the situation in Iraq continues to unfold, the United

States government needs help rebuilding the country's war-torn infrastructure and is trying to repair ties with France as soon as possible.

"President Bush is now urging that all parties put aside past bickering," Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas, said in a press release last week.

"Delays in rebuilding international goodwill are costing American lives in Iraq and billions of dollars to the American [people]. A symbolic start to that effort would be reinstating foods in the House cafeterias and dining halls and their traditional 'American' names [such as] French toast and French fries."

Originally, the Bush administration intended the switch from "French" to "Freedom" to show America's disapproval of France's position on the war in Iraq, but the actions ultimately had little effect on the political views of either the United States or France, according to University of Wisconsin French history professor Laird Boswell.

Boswell said the change from "French" to "Freedom" was covered in the French press, but the French people saw it as "petty and ridiculous."

"The French don't even call them 'French fries.' They think [the food] originated in Belgium," Boswell said. University of

Wisconsin senior Megan Dills studied in Paris during the switch and agreed that the change held little significance in France.

"It's not like the French people care," Dills said. "French fries aren't even French, and they don't eat French toast. I remember talking to a bartender one night and he was just really confused about the whole thing."

Dills said that when she read about the change in the papers, she was more concerned with what the United States and France were doing politically than what the Americans were calling fries.

For some people, the switch from "French" to "Freedom" never even came to their attention.

The menu at the McDonald's restaurant on North Lake Street

in Madison still reads "French fries," and according to assistant manager Dana Neimi, the menu was never changed.

Neimi said no customer ever requested Freedom fries.

"I actually never heard anything about it," Neimi said. Though the government did order a change for the phrases "French fries" and "French toast," they never passed legislation concerning, for example, French bread, French kissing or French breads.

Some critics of the switch argued that instead of boycotting the actual word "French," it would have made more sense to boycott French imports. University of Wisconsin senior Rachel Abbott said the legislation was ineffectual. "I only know of family friends who stopped buying French wine," she said.

A little help from our 'Friends'

U-Wire

1994 was a big year for pop-culture junkies. It was the year we met "Forrest Gump" and said goodbye to Kurt Cobain.

Quentin Tarantino defied the rules of film and became a household name with "Pulp Fiction" (not to mention reviving John Travolta's career).

O.J. Simpson became the star of his own courtroom drama. And Sept. 22, 1994, NBC premiered their newest Must See TV sitcom, "Friends."

Nine seasons ago, the world was introduced to Ross, Rachel, Monica, Chandler, Phoebe and Joey.

In the first episode of what would become TV's highest-rated sitcom, we learned that Ross had married a lesbian, Chandler had a job no one really understood, Phoebe was a free spirit, Monica had bad luck with men, Joey was a struggling actor and a very successful skirt-chaser, and Rachel had no job, no money, no qualifications, but really great hair.

Over the last nine years, we've learned more about these six people than we know about many of our family members.

And although these New Yorkers are not real people (as my concerned loved ones are constantly reminding me), they have certainly had a real impact on our

lives. As we've watched the lives of these characters unfold with our own, we've picked up a few life lessons to carry beyond the final curtain call.

From the eccentric Phoebe we've learned that it's okay to be what some people would call "strange." She showed us that looking at the world a little sideways only makes things more interesting.

Joey taught us that even a chomomaniizers have a soft side and that sensitivity doesn't make you any less masculine. (I hope you guys are paying attention to this.)

And Monica proved that being neurotic, anal-retentive and the teeniest bit obsessive-compulsive doesn't mean that no one will ever love you. So girls, it's okay to embrace your inner head case.

From Ross and Chandler we learned that being a little dorky isn't so bad. In the long run, just being a nice guy could win you the girl of your dreams.

And if you pay attention in school, you could get a job that lets you play with dinosaurs all day. Pretty cool, huh?

Last but not least, from the vault of Rachel Green wisdom, we know that a good haircut and a trendy wardrobe are the first steps to solving all of life's dilemmas.

While the pearls of wisdom bestowed on us by our fictional friends are certainly valuable, we must learn to separate the world of television from the world of reality (at least that's what my therapist keeps telling me).

There are some television lessons that must be left in the black box from which they came. These are just a few of the "Friends" gems that I recommend leaving behind.

First of all, it is not likely that you'll be able to afford a spacious apartment in the heart of New York City if you don't have a job that you actually go to on a regular basis.

Jobs that subsidize this sort of urban lifestyle do not include out-of-work actor or coffeehouse waitress.

And if you do decide to move to the Big Apple, or any city with more than 300 residents, it's probably not a good idea to leave your

Ambassador Spotlight

By Emily Miller

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apartment door unlocked at all times.

To prevent future frustration and disappointment, you should not expect the best seat in your favorite coffee house to always be available. Chances are somebody else is going to want the couch seat.

And for all of you who have been wearing layers in your hair since the mid-'90s, having Jennifer Aniston's coif does not mean that Brad Pitt is going to marry you. It's time to give up that dream. Sorry.

Perhaps most importantly, it is not realistic to expect that your closest friends will always live just a few feet from your door.

Only in TV land do people never move more than five minutes away. So appreciate them while they're close.

Television can't teach you everything. That's why our parents make us go to school.

But every once in awhile, between the commercial breaks and the cheap laughs, you can pick up a tip or two on how to make it in the real world.

So a year from now, when the show that America fell in love with fades into television history, just remember what your "Friends" taught you: All you really need in life is a handful of people who love you and a good cup of coffee.

We've learned that it's
okay to be what some
people would call
"strange"

HOROSCOPES by Sam Wise-Ridges

Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22)

Fuchsia is not your color, so don't wear it...ever

Scorpio (Oct. 23.-Nov. 21)

Try not to step on other people's toes, it hurts!

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Don't worry, it happens to everyone.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan 19)

Love can't conquer the voices in your head.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Isabel is gone, so stop calling her!

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

Why aren't you cool? Take a look at that haircut, I mean come on...

Aries (Mar. 21-April 19)

Don't care about the California Recall? Well you should! If Arnold loses, he'll go back to making movies.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Despite what your mother told you, men in spandex are not cute, in fact YOU in spandex is not cute either.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

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Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Looking for love? Don't look in Farmville, unless your idea of a hot date is driving around town, with your date's kids in the back seat, eventually ending up at Wal-Mart.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

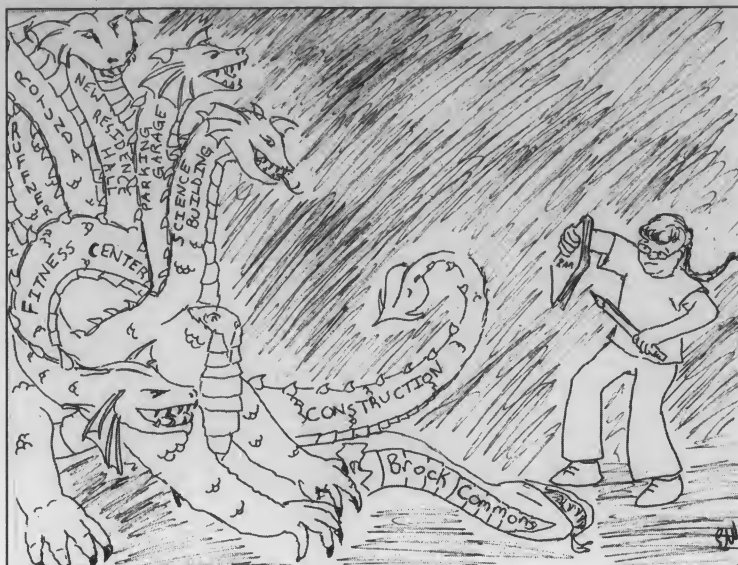
Dogs are man's best friend, who couldn't love an animal that is shameless enough to lick his butt and then your face.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22)

If your name has more letters than the alphabet, change it, otherwise be prepared to suffer from a heinous nickname.

Tongue in Cheek

by Ellie Woodruff



VEXTATION

by Zach Wilhide and Ellie Woodruff



Book Review: *The Devil Wears Prada*

Shannon Harrison
Public Relations Manager

For all of us soon to be Longwood graduates, Lauren Weisberger brings insight into a world of overpowering employers and long awaited dreams.

Starting as a lost, small town girl with aspirations to work as a writer for *The New Yorker*, Andrea Sachs lands the job "a million girls would die for" and finds herself on the fast track straight to the top.

She accepts the position of new personal assistant to Miranda Priestly, the prestigious editor in chief of *Runway* magazine.

Before long she begins to realize she has sold her soul to the devil who incidentally wears nothing but the finest of designers: Armani, Versace, Gucci, and Prada.

She finds herself in a world of endless demands and round-the-clock-beck-and-call to Miranda.

From collecting the dry cleaning to dog sitting she takes a glimpse into the world of the rich

and famous and has mixed feelings about what she sees.

The person Andrea was is not accepted into the world she has now been sucked into. She finds herself being seen as the company's charity project, transforming her into the chic look of ALL *Runway* employees.

Despite her low salary she focuses on the end result of her self-degradation. If Andrea can make it through her grueling, 12-month contract with a recommendation from The Miranda Priestly, her career possibilities are endless.

Her struggles do not stop at her stressful assistant job but stem into her best friend and roommate's struggle with alcoholism and phobia of men.

Andrea also battles with time restraints that make seeing her boyfriend an impossible task, if sleep is ever going to be factored into her daily tasks.

This novel opens our eyes to the importance of choos-

ing a career that you can be proud of. Although we may end up starting from the bottom and working our way up, we may do so with dignity intact.

Andrea fights a battle that ends up beating her. It was worth waiting till the very end to see how Andrea deals with the Queen of the Fashion world, the devil in Prada! It's the season's MUST READ!



CD Review: Kelly Clarkson's *Thankful*

Kelly Fischer
Guest Writer

After the conclusion of the first *American Idol*, winner Kelly Clarkson was the talk of the town and so was her soon to be released debut album.

After the late August release of *Thankful*, the direction of the album was somewhat simple and straightforward.

The twelve tracks are a general fusion of musical genres. Songs like "The Trouble with Love", "Some Kind of Miracle" and "Anytime" are reminiscent of songs from Mariah Carey's early days.

Clarkson went with a rock edge on the song "Low." She also had assistance from other power singers such as Christina Aguilera. Aguilera assisted in writing "Miss Independent" which was a hit single.

Fellow *American Idol* singer, Tamyra Gray, lent a hand in singing "You Thought Wrong" which turns out to be a somewhat mellow song with a monotonous beat that is not as impressive as some might think.

The title track "Thankful" has a smooth jazz/blues style and the song "What's Up Lonely" is another that has an even beat and highlights some good harmonies.

To end the album, Clarkson has her hit single "A Moment Like This" and the follow up single "Before Your Love" that are differently mixed.

The album is safe in the way of musical style meaning there is not too much originality.

Clarkson did not try to stand out too much with her first album. The album is lacking slightly in showcasing Clarkson's obvious talent. Yet it still is entertaining and a leads one to hope for a more daring follow up album.

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But have things really changed?
Since when has the color of your skin been a sin?

LOST GENERATION NO EDUCATION
For those who opposed strict laws were imposed

Robert Russa Moton Museum tells stories of broken dreams, separate but unequal don't let history be a sequel

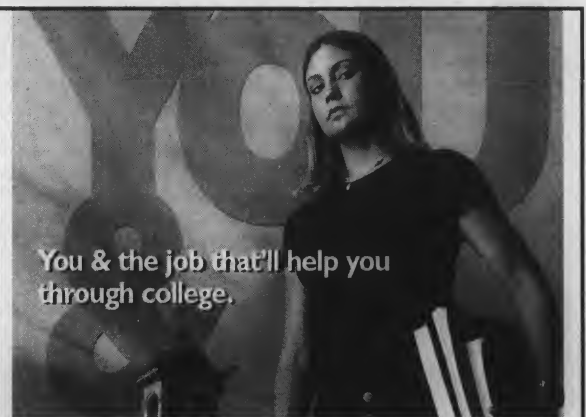
So I plead...LEARN, LOVE, and LEAD

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Citizen Leader Day

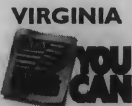
Citizen Leader Day is an opportunity for you or your organization to understand how events in Prince Edward County contributed to the modern Civil Rights Movement. This year the Longwood community is invited to experience how far we have come since the Moton School walkout and explore ways to continue in the direction of understanding, respect, and appreciation of difference. So, if you want to expand your definitions of leadership and diversity with leaders and friends register to be a part of Citizen Leader Day 2003!

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Field Hockey Takes Two Losses; Townson Game Cancelled Due to Hurricane Isabel

Sports Information

The Longwood University field hockey team went 0-2 this week-end after losing to Division I opponents Rider and Monmouth.

The match at Townson on Friday was postponed due to the aftermath of Hurricane Isabel and will be scheduled for a date to be determined later.

At Rider, the Lancers held their own in the first half with strong defensive efforts coming from senior Erin Sixsmith (Alexandria, Va./West Potomac) and sophomores Marina Sizow (Stafford, Va./North Stafford) and Shannon Ratte (Virginia Beach, Va./Kempsville).

However, Rider picked up the pace in the second period and scored three goals for the victory.

Junior All-American Lorrie Watts (Fredericksburg, Va./Stafford), who was back on the field after sitting out seven games due to an injury, and sophomore Julie Price (Stafford, Va./North

Stafford) got of one shot each for the Lancers.

Junior keeper Julie Patterson (Esmont, Va./Monticello) managed to rack up 23 saves for Longwood, while Rider's Krysta Bearish had two.

Against Monmouth, the Hawks jumped out to a lead midway through the first half as Susan Ganghamer tallied a goal on an assist from Jess Miller with 17:18 remaining in the period.

Longwood answered four minutes later when Watts deflected a pass from Ratte into the back of the cage to even the score at 1-1 with less than 14 minutes remaining in the half.

Both teams battled during the remaining minutes for the victory, but the Hawk's Kristen Hulmes scored off of a pass from Katie Niemczyk to give Monmouth a 2-1 advantage.

Patterson recorded 14 saves for the Lancers while Monmouth's Carrie Colbert was credited with four.

Watts, along with sophomore Sarah Hitchings (Virginia Beach, Va./Kempsville) led Longwood with two shots, followed by Sizow, Sixsmith and freshman Katy Lernihan (Fredericksburg, Va./Chancellor) with one each.

Up next, the Lancers (2-6)

travel to Pennsylvania on September 27 to take on Philadelphia University at 12 p.m., then face Lehigh on Sept. 28 at 1 p.m.

The Lancers' offense through nine games has been led by Alexis Ramey, who has tallied five goals

and one assist this season. Andrea Wilkinson (Chantilly, Va./Chantilly) and Julie Price follow with two goals each, while Erin Sixsmith leads Longwood with two assists. In net for the Lancers, Julie Patterson has a recorded 91 saves.



Photo by Will Perus

Women's Soccer Now 3-2-1; 2-0 Last Week

Sports Information

Longwood University went 2-0 during the past week with road victories past Roanoke 1-0 September 21 and Barton (N.C.) 2-0 on September 17.

A scheduled home match with NCAA Division I Virginia Military Institute was postponed due to Isabel and rescheduled for October 26 at 5 p.m. on Lancer Field.

The Lancers are now 3-2-1 this season, and will play again September 27 at home against Christopher Newport at 7 p.m. on Lancer Field.

At Division III Roanoke, sophomore Tiffany Rice/Virginia Beach (Kellam) scored the game's only goal in the first half as the Lancers won their second-straight contest.

Rice tallied her first goal of the season unassisted in the opening half at 13:20 as Longwood took an 11-7 advantage in shots against the Maroons, and a 7-1 edge in corner-kick opportunities.

Junior keeper Lindsay

Naill/Alexandria (Bishop Ireton) played all 90 minutes in front of the net to preserve her third consecutive shutout.

At Division II Barton, Longwood scored both of its goals in the second half as freshman Tiffany Crane/Virginia Beach (Kellam) scored her first collegiate goal at the 52:00 mark -- the assist from sophomore April Lockley/California, Md. (Leonardtown).

Senior Phoebe Munson/Virginia Beach (Tallwood) added an insurance goal at 75:48, assisted by freshman Anna Gravely/Virginia Beach (Cox).

It was the 40th career goal for Munson who ranks second in goals scored for the Lancers (Erin Hirschi, 44).

Longwood took an 18-7 advantage in shots against the Bulldogs, and a 5-0 edge in corner-kick opportunities.

Naill played all 90 minutes in front of the net and made six saves for her second-straight shutout.

Through six matches, Longwood is led in scoring by Crane with one goal and two assists for four points (0.67).

Crane is followed by Lockley (1 goal, 1 assist), Gravely (1 goal, 1 assist), and freshman Kelsie Bradberry/Richmond (Monacan) (1 goal, 1 assist) with three points (0.50) each, along with Munson (1 goal) and Rice (1 goal) with two points (0.33) each.

Naill has played 335 minutes in front of the net, allowing just one goal (0.27) with 14 saves for a .933 save average with the three shutouts.

Naill, with 21 career shutouts, ranks second all-time for the Lancers (Amy Kennedy, 25). Freshman keeper Heather Storrie/Spring Grove, Pa. (Spring Grove) has played 225 minutes in front of the net, allowing six goals (2.40) with 12 saves for a .667 save average.

Following the CNU match, Longwood will play on the road again on September 30 at Division II Tusculum (Tenn.).

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Plagiarism Replaces Hard Work

U-WTRE

Right now, a student somewhere is thinking about that unfinished five-page essay -- due in two hours.

No problem! Just zip off to the computer lab, enter some key words into a search engine, cut, paste -- and plug the gaps in that essay with someone else's writing, someone else's ideas. In other words -- plagiarize.

Plagiarism -- which means, basically, stealing someone else's intellectual property, and claiming it as your own -- is an ugly word that seems to have lost some of its impact on a generation weaned on instant information. Songwriters, artists, and authors make a living from producing original material, which is their intellectual property.

Like music file-sharing Web sites, online sources for research material are available for the taking to anyone with Internet access. These sources are also vulnerable to the same types of misuse.

Plagiarism.org is a Web site dedicated to teaching people about the growing problem of plagiarizing information from the Internet, and how to combat it.

They report that plagiarism "has become a booming industry," due to the many online "cheat sites" where students can find research papers on a multitude of topics. Some sites will even customize your paper for an extra fee. However, not all incidents of plagiarism are so obvious.

An article from the National Council of Teachers of English Web site quotes Gary Layne Hatch, an English professor at Brigham Young University as saying that defining plagiarism itself is a murky issue. Hatch says that many students are not properly trained in academic research methods, which can lead, inadvertently or not, to plagiarism. To him, it is more a matter of "misrepresenting" sources of information as opposed to stealing them.

The free and open nature of the Internet and electronic databases has led to new concerns about plagiarism in schools. Instructors and administrators at Washtenaw Community College, and at colleges and universities across the country, are alarmed at the ease

with which information can be found, cut and pasted into a student's essay.

Clarinda Flannery, an adjunct English instructor at WCC, requires her English 111 writing students to provide a thorough background check of all Internet sources used in their assignments.

"If they quote a source, they need a copy of the source page with the quoted material highlighted, and MLA style information written at the top," said Flannery, "the same as it appears on their Works Cited page."

But teaching proper research techniques is only part of solution. According to Flannery, plagiarism mostly occurs because students are afraid they can't do the work.

"Depending on their experience, many students don't have a clue about how to do research for a college paper," she said. "A big problem is that many students, by the time they get to high school, view writing as some kind of punishment."

"I had one student who avoided the library because his high school used it for detention," said Flannery.

Like many college instructors, Flannery believes that writing phobia starts with poor academic instruction at the high school level. And, by the time they enter college, students are overwhelmed by the amount of attributed research required to complete essays and papers.

"Students are trained early on to simply spit back information. I try to change this by making them start with a question about something they are interested in," she said. "This is foreign to most students who are used to regurgitating information."

So far, this method has been successful in her classes. By having students choose a research question personal to their own lives; she can circumvent some of the motivations for plagiarism.

"Students do amazing things when you give them the space to do it," said Flannery. "The question is everything."

Charles Avinger, a full-time English instructor, clearly spells

out his policy on plagiarism in the syllabi for all his classes:

"Any evidence of cheating or intentional plagiarism will result in an F for the course. The incident will be documented and a copy will be forwarded to the Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences, and the Vice President of Student Services for further review and possible institutional sanctions." This stern warning serves to emphasize the serious nature of plagiarism, giving students fair warning about the consequences of cheating.

However, Avinger says that in his experience most people are conscientious, and usually "plagiarism" is an honest mistake. "It is important to forestall (plagiarism) before it happens. I ask for copies of all sources," he said. "I also look at all the drafts so I can see the writing process."

A recent study by The Center

for Academic Integrity found that "almost 80 percent of college students admit to cheating at least once," and a survey by The Psychological Record reports that "36 percent of undergraduates have admitted to plagiarizing written material."

Reactions from WCC students are widely varied on the subject of plagiarism. Due to the incriminating nature of their responses, some have chosen to remain anonymous. "A couple of times, I've been sick or something at the end of a semester and I had to get a paper in or fail a class. I promised I'd make up for it later, but I still felt bad about it."

"I've plagiarized a couple of times. Obviously, if you just copy and paste right off the first hit you get on Google, you'll get caught. But obviously it's cheating and I haven't done it a whole lot."

"I haven't plagiarized. I think

it's wrong. But one time I helped my friend by giving her a paper I wrote for the same class last semester. I felt bad about it, but she had reasons why she couldn't write the paper and the instructor was totally unhelpful. If she could have gotten an extension or something, she wouldn't have had to do it."

Monamie Bhadra, a WCC student employee said, "People just don't understand the reasons for properly crediting their sources. Plagiarism undermines the academic and professional discourse. Otherwise, you end up going in circles and never really reach the truth."

Elaine Razzano, a mentor from the NCTE Web sites offers profound insight on the subject of plagiarism. "Perhaps students need to take some courses in ethics instead of in how to write a research paper."

My Two Cents: Single and Looking at Longwood

Willard Vaughn
Opinion Editor

(www.drphil.com/advice).

I personally think that Dr. Phil has some insight into relationships and so forth, but I don't think that his advice is any more profound than any other clinical psychologist could offer.

The difference is that Dr. Phil knows how to market himself, and he has the funding to do it.

Anyway, the first thing that I have to offer you is to find out who you are. I tell people all the time that there is no way that you can make someone else happy until you are happy with who you are.

If you look at yourself, and you decide that you cannot be happy with yourself, then that my friend is what you need to be worried about rather than chasing tail.

In fact, knowing yourself and being comfortable and confident with that is half the battle in the dating game.

After you've done this, then you'll be able to determine exactly whom it is that you want to date. Once you've figured this out, according to Dr. Phil, "...put yourself in a target rich environment..."

This means that if you want someone who is a brain, start

hanging out in the library. If you want a party animal, start going to parties.

Additionally, make sure that you're not setting yourself up for failure. People do this in two ways.

First, they act too desperate. Desperation works if you're a girl trying to pick up a guy to engage in the horizontal mambo with on a Saturday night, but not for forming a lasting relationship.

Unfortunately, guys, this doesn't work the opposite way; girls don't really fall for desperate guys unless they themselves are desperate.

Secondly, again pulling from Dr. Phil, people set themselves up for failure by expecting the worst. If you say to yourself that you've only been able to attract one type of person, then you're going to only expect and be looking for that type of person.

So go out there and be yourself and you'll find the person that is right for you. If any of you have questions about life, love, relationships, or the horizontal mambo, feel free to send them to rotunda@longwood.edu with Dr. Willard in the subject. As always, be kind to each other's hearts; the next one that breaks might be yours.

Hurricane Isabel has come and gone this week. So did my hopes for a five-day weekend.

As I was heading back to Farmville on Friday after spending the storm in the back of an ambulance in Chesterfield, I was looking forward to a relaxing couple of days with my friend Alcohoh.

I was pissed to find that not only did all of Farmville have lights, but Longwood did as well. Classes went on as normal, and I never did get to hang out with my friend. Oh well, such is life. Anyway, on to the question:

Dear Willard:

I've been single for about two years now. It's not from lack of trying. I meet people. I go out. I do my thing. But I still just can't get anybody. In fact, I'm not even able to hook up with anybody. What's wrong with me?

Signed,
Sexually Frustrated

Well, to answer this question I'm going to not only rely on what I know, but also I'm going to consult the great Dr. Phil for this one



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Reviving the Goddess: Wicca 101

Leslie Smith
News Editor

Yesterday kicked off "Wednesday with Women Studies," with the subject of "Reviving the Goddess in Modern Times," featuring Dr. Carl Riden.

Her talk centered on Wicca, Goddess Worship, and Earth Spirituality.

She covered the theology, history, academic analysis, and pagans' point of view.

Riden became interested in this topic when studying for a portion of her Sociology of Religion class labeled "Neopaganism and Witchcraft."

She acknowledges that all types of pagans have different ideas and preferences when talking about rituals, gods/goddesses, pantheons (the different sects of gods, such as Greek or Celtic), the usage of magic, etc.

"There's no way to get around it. Part of the belief system is that each individual, each

organization, can establish their own rituals, or write their own guidelines in respect to their own practice," Riden said.

Rituals are fairly similar, though, as most aspects are usually kept throughout the different types of Wiccan and pagan ritual.

The majority of pagans "believe that you are responsible for your own actions," she said.

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Photo by: Shannon Harrison

The sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha (above) pose for a picture before WALK commences. The sister of Alpha Delta Pi (below) crowd around one of their newest members, greeting her with the traditional "shirting," in which the initiated sisters run out to the girl who has accepted their bid and give her a shirt displaying the sorority's greek letters. For the full story on recruitment, see p.5

A Celebration of Diversity

Ellie Woodruff
Cartoonist

September 27th, Longwood held its 3rd annual Citizen Leader Day at the Moton Museum, sponsored by SEAL and New Student Leadership Programs.

The program consisted of 3 separate sessions in which volunteers would attend a seminar explaining the history of the Moton School, Farmville's recent history, in desegregation, and Prince Edward County public school's role in the Brown vs. Board of Education legal battle.

After the seminar on Saturday morning, volunteers spent the

afternoon serving plates of food donated by local businesses for five dollars a piece. The funds raised are to be matched and doubled by government agencies.

The effort raised some five hundred dollars, a cheering prospect for the oft-ignored museum.

Previous Citizen Leader Days have addressed the crisis situations in New York City following 9/11 and a series of individual monologues focusing on student issues ranging from eating disorders to academic honesty to sexuality. SEAL and the office of New Student and Leadership Programs, an organization of young men and

women driven to make a difference on Longwood's campus have headed all these. The current advisor for both is Sarah Schoper, Iowa native, who is ecstatic about the record number of volunteers this year, an excess of 300 people.

The program attracted faculty, staff, and students from both Longwood and Hampden Sydney and members of the Farmville community. Faculty and staff applauded the effort. The reactions from students, however, were mixed.

During the initial seminar, numerous students had the "courtesy" to doze off, but were thankful. See CITIZEN p.4



Photo by: Shannon Harrison

LEAF Initiated Campus-Wide Recycling Effort

Stacey Klutz
Staff Writer

In hopes of improving faculty and student awareness, the Longwood Environmental Awareness Foundation (L.E.A.F.) is working with the administration and student body to provide a recycling program here on campus for this semester.

Organized in 1996, L.E.A.F. has been involved in such activities as tree planting, water quality monitoring, programs with speakers involving learning activities, "Paint the Town Green," International Coastal Clean-up, and an upcoming trip to

Fox Island for a two week activity that teaches one to live self-sufficiently.

L.E.A.F. is known for their con-



tributions in helping improve the environment, but according to Juliette Enfield, "I wanted a way to

be involved with issues on my campus and it first started because there was no recycling on campus. I wanted to get it going."

In 2001, L.E.A.F. sent out a petition with 500 student and faculty signatures showing their support for the program.

Jennica Ames, Vice President of L.E.A.F., said, "My goal is for the recycling program to be successful and for people to become environmentally aware."

The effort to arrange recycling has not been an easy task according

See LEAF p. 4

New Contraceptive: Seasonale

Shannon Harrison
PR Manager

The FDA approved a newly developed Seasonale birth control pill that cuts periods from 13 a year to 4.



Developed in Norfolk by Barr Laboratories the pill will be in drugstores the beginning of November.

The pill is the first of its kind, and works similarly to pills we are all familiar with like Ortho-tricy-

clen. The only key difference is the pill is taken consecutively for 84 days of active pills followed by 7 days in-active pills throughout which time you have your period.

As said by the FDA the use of

SEASONALE® provides women with more hormonal exposure on a yearly basis than conventional monthly oral contraceptives containing similar strength synthetic --

See SEASONALE p.4

Words From the Editor



I find it really funny when people say that "West Virginia Strippers are classy."

I mean, is that really possible? To me, it seems it would be kind of hard to be a stripper while maintaining one's class.

Drunk men, and maybe some lesbians, are grabbing for your boobs, touching your butt, and then during the day you are an upstanding citizen of your community? Don't think so.

I was talking to some guy friends of mine, and according to them a classy stripper is one that doesn't look "cracked out."

So if your entertainer for the evening doesn't have a lot of teeth,

and she's pushing forty, that qualifies a stripper that doesn't have class?

Yet, a pretty girl with fake boobs, thin thighs, and will take your dollars IS classy?

Sorry, don't think so...again.

One friend even told me that he saw a stripper (I don't remember where) who was an elementary school teacher by day, and by night she was a stripper. What is this?

What if one of the dads (or moms) came in and saw her? Wouldn't that take away from her credibility?

As a professional, I really don't think it's wise to have a job in the "entertainment" business.

I feel like it would be pretty hard to be taken seriously. Truthfully, I don't really think it I could see a stripper/professional as "credible".

Don't get me wrong, I'm a working girl. I totally understand what it

means to pay for school, and I understand the value of a dollar, but there are a few lines I just won't cross.

Be it my pride, or my dad telling me "if you ever get a job as a stripper I'll kick you out," that have tainted my views, but there's just something about those girls (and guys!) that make me chuckle.

There are a lot of odd jobs in this world that pay good money, so spare your dignity, and kick the sweaty old men waiving their dollars to the side, and KEEP YOUR CLOTHES ON!

Liz Richards

Liz Richards
Editor-in-Chief

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Letters to the Editor: Where are the Sausages?

Dear Editor:

With Oktoberfest right around the corner, we expect to start seeing the decorations in the dining hall change from the lovely Aramark signs, to those of beer steins and people wearing lederhosen.

Along with the decorations, comes the selling of the traditional Oktoberfest t-shirts in the lobby.

With the excitement of the weekend building amongst the students, us seniors especially, this year I was actually going to spend the \$10 dollars on a t-shirt, which in years past I have saved for the field party tickets.

In one of my many communi-

cation classes, my professor brought attention to the flyer publicizing the sale of the t-shirts; my mouth dropped to the floor.

A woman who is not so much attractive as is unattractive, and fully endowed in the "chest" area adorned the backs of the t-shirts. Complete with steins of beer, I began to wonder "was this just the shirt for the men to wear?"

Now it wasn't the fact that the "lovely" woman was carrying beer, I myself am a big fan of the brew, however the fact that her chest was falling out of her dress was disturbing to me.

I for one, being a woman, do not want to wear a shirt with a blessed bosom lady on the back;

why can't I have a shirt with a man on the back?

Perhaps in fitting with the theme of Oktoberfest, a man with sausages? Or possibly one big sausage?

Don't get me wrong here, I am all for attractive women showing the world their beauty, however I don't want to wear it on my back.

So this weekend while all the Longwood guys are proudly strutting their stuff in their bosom woman t-shirts, I will be searching for my men with sausages and perhaps he will be lucky enough to need more than four steins of beer to cover his prized possession.

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The Rotunda is an equal opportunity volunteer organization and is looking for people who are interested in writing or layout. We currently have positions available and ask anyone who is interested to come to our meetings, Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

S.E.A.L.'s Response to the Greek Community

Dear Editor:

This past weekend, there was a conflict between the scheduling of Citizen Leader Day and the rescheduled WALK date.

The best possible solution to this was for WALK to be rescheduled for Saturday evening so it would not interfere with any previously scheduled campus-wide activities. The people involved in the decision did their best to accommodate the needs and interests of all Longwood Students, both Greek and Non-Greek.

A substantial number of Greeks participated in the entire Citizen Leader Day program. Those Greeks who did participate in the program were not forced to attend, but rather willfully attend-

ed. It is a disappointment that you would think that Greeks would not want to participate with Citizen Leader Day.

By writing the anonymous letter in the manner that you did, you chose to speak for the entire Greek community. By doing this, you are giving Greeks a bad reputation at Longwood.

As members of the Greek Community, we continually strive to create a better relationship with Longwood. Your quick accusations and uninformed assumptions hinder the positive strides we have made so far this year. As a member of the Greek community, shouldn't you be looking to better the relationship between the Greek community and Longwood? There are numerous other ways to

enjoy and enhance your sisterhood or brotherhood than merely "celebrating" prior to walk. A vast majority of Greek organizations are founded on principles of leadership. Therefore, maybe you should ask yourself if you are apart of your organization for the right reasons. We know that we are a part of both our Greek organizations and S.E.A.L. because of these leadership principles and challenge you to enact not only the leadership principles of your organization but also the mission of Longwood.

Sarah Schoper - Pi Beta Phi
Marvin Simms - Alpha Sigma Phi
Drew Jefferson - Phi Kappa Tau
Mark Rutherford - Phi Kappa Tau

ACTIVIST

"If you're not mad, you're not paying attention!"

The "Activist" is your outlet for battling social injustice and things that suck. This is your chance to do something about societal evils, instead of just whining about them. So speak up and act up. Because, if you're not mad, you're not paying attention. E-mail Activist ideas to rotunda@longwood.edu.

Petition to Amend Longwood's Anti-Discrimitory Statements

Students of Longwood call upon the Board of Visitors to rectify an inconsistency between Longwood's "Statement Regarding the Intolerance of Bias Incidents at Longwood University" and their Affirmative Action statement.

The former provides protection to those of a different "sexual orientation" from offenses committed against them motivated upon their sexual orientation.

The latter, however, fails to provide protection to this same group of individuals from discrimination as indicated by the exclusion of "sexual orientation."

By excluding "sexual orientation" in Longwood's Affirmative Action statement, the Board of Visitors effectually fails to promote equal opportunity for all, and creates a loophole that permits tolerance of discrimination against those of a different sexual orientation.

We have drawn up a petition, currently containing signatures of 66 student petitioners, that we will present to the SGA, requesting that they submit it, and appeal

to the Board of Visitors to amend Longwood's Affirmative Action statement to include "sexual orientation."

If you desire to sign the petition, thus indicating that you wish the Board of Visitors to amend the Affirmative Action statement to include "sexual orientation," please contact Jon Miller (jemiller@longwood.edu), Jessica Smith (jsmith@longwood.edu), or Trudy Berry (tberry@longwood.edu).

You may also visit the Commuter Student Lounge [Student Union (Lankford) 211] or come to the table that we will set up in the Dining Hall foyer during lunch and dinner on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 7 & 8.

Statement Regarding the Intolerance of Bias Incidents at Longwood University:

Longwood University seeks to foster a safe environment conducive to learning and the free exchange of ideas. In accordance with all the policies residing under the Judicial Code of

Conduct Standards and Regulations and the Honor Code of Conduct Standards and Regulations, any offense motivated by bias will not be tolerated. An offense motivated by bias is any offense wherein the accused intentionally selects political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender, age, marital status, or inclusion in any group protected by law.

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Feminists Can Enjoy Fun, Games, and Big-Breasted Women

Amy Whipple
Assistant Editor

Kids, I complain about a lot of things. Too many things as some claim.

I do not, however, have a stick up my ass, and, while it's never been a problem before, it's getting me into hot water now.

For the record, I do not have a problem with the Oktoberfest shirts, but everyone thinks I should, and when I express a different opinion, I get attacked.

Yes, I am a feminist. Yes, I have problems with the overall objectification of people (not just women). Yes, I am a Women's Studies minor. Yes, I am president of W.I.L.L., but, ladies and gentlemen, I have a sense of humor.

If you don't have a sense of humor, you're not going to get anywhere in this world. I have little tolerance for people with thin skin. It's a tough world out there, you can't be sensitive to everything.

And, friends, there are much bigger problems on this campus than busty women with beer on the backs of tee-shirts. And not even your typical run of the mill problems either. Feminist problems. Gender problems. Our problems.

Longwood University, which is a historically female institution, does not meet Title IX standards. We roughly have a 60 to 40 ratio of female to male students. In accordance to Title IX, we should have the same ratio of female to male athletes.

You know what happens next. Granted, we're not off by that much (roughly 50 to 50), but still. We bent so hell over backward to accommodate males that we went overboard. It kind of always seems that way.

And, yes, I make fun of the Greeks, but that's another issue on this campus. Aren't many sorority girls just embracing femininity? Why are they constantly taken down for just being girls? When I first came to Longwood, I found many feminist sorority girls, but now the number has diminished (or they're just in hiding). Who's to say you can't be a feminist and act like a girl? WE ARE WOMEN, after all.

Women who wear shirts with other women and beer on them. And it's all going to be okay.

props and drops

Props:

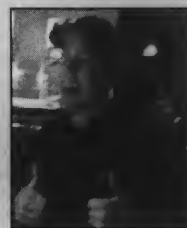
- + To Professor Chili Pepper for making history a hot topic.
- + To big euphemisms.
- + To getting a "B" on a Spanish test. (That's right!!!!)
- + To recycling '80s vocabulary.
- + To Nick-at-Nite bringing back *Full House* (and the Hug-a-Thon to start it off right).
- + To kissing.

Drops:

- To those who want to have sex with sheep.
- To those who are easily offended.
- To unfair parking tickets.
- To computers that crash.
- To screwing up classic cartoons.
- To flies that spawn in the Residence Halls.

Speak Out

What do you think about the Oktoberfest T-Shirts?



"I can't see much cleavage, however there definitely is a tan line. You can't see the line between the boobs, thus it doesn't qualify as cleavage."

—Aaron Canada, *Sophomore*

"When you think about beer and Germany...you think about a girl wearing that."

—Jacqueline Laudie, *Freshman*



"If it will make them feel better, I can dress up in that, show off my cleavage, dye my hair blonde, and walk around."

—Stu-pac Davis, *Freshman*

"I don't really have a problem with it. But if Longwood was going to represent the student body, then it should show a male and a female."

—Jessica Titmus, *Sophomore*



Marijuana: It's Not Always The Happy Hash

Amanda Sengi
Staff Writer

Marijuana. "Pot," "trees," "herb," "weed," "grass," and all the other nicknames have been made up for this mood-altering drug.

Marijuana is the bi-product of "cannabis sativa," otherwise known as a hemp plant.

The part of this plant that is used for the purpose of smoking are the leaves, after they have been cut and dried.

The thing about this drug that makes you feel "high" is the chemical known as trans-delta-tetrahydrocannabinol, but more commonly called by the abbreviated name, "THC."

There are different ways to smoke marijuana, but it can also be consumed by combining the drug with food, because when done in a specific way it brings out the THC from the marijuana leaves.

Some of the ways of smoking marijuana include: rolling the drug in paper to make joints (marijuana cigarettes) and through using different types of pipes or "pieces," which are typically called bowls or bongs.

There are many side effects to using marijuana, some good and some bad. Most people smoke marijuana to achieve a euphoric

and stress free mood.

Although it can create feelings of relaxation, some people have been known to suffer from paranoia after using marijuana.

It can cause some distortion of the senses, as well as affecting the memory and can lower one's inhibitions.

"In my own history here at Longwood, I remember going to a party freshman year, where there were people offering marijuana to anyone who was interested in smoking it.

There were two girls whom I knew that decided to smoke, and although they did not know these people who were offering them marijuana, they thought nothing of it," said junior, Amanda Sengi.

"These girls ended up having terrible reaction after smoking, because what they did not know was that the marijuana was laced with "hash" [a hallucinogenic drug].

They spent the night in severe paranoia of everything around them and needed to be taken home as soon as possible.

Although this type of occurrence is rare, it is important to remember that not everyone can be trusted," said Sengi.

Many people talk about whether or not marijuana

should be legalized, without thinking of the benefits or consequences.

Marijuana has more cancer causing agents than cigarettes, yet it does not cause the smoker to obtain the addiction that a tobacco smoker suffers from.

It is proven that marijuana does have medical benefits, especially for people suffering from cancer who experience many debilitating symptoms.

For these cancer patients, it can relieve nausea and increase appetite, allowing them to get the nutrition they need.

When asked on her thoughts about the ongoing debate of whether or not marijuana should be legalized, Longwood junior, Stephanie Childress, said,

"I think marijuana should be legalized because tobacco is legal, and tobacco kills so many people every year."

Marijuana has commonly been called a "gateway drug," a statement that tends not to sit well with those who smoke marijuana and have never felt the need to try any other drugs.

Whether or not marijuana ever becomes legalized, people can still say "no" to using it. If it always stays illegal, Sengi said, "I have no doubt that people will still find a way to smoke it."

for the assembled volunteers.

At the end of his speech, he reminded the students that the judges responsible for the lost years of education and countless deprived children were never held accountable for their actions.

The ripple effect of this critical decision is still being felt in Farmville today. Remember that these events took place only 29 years ago, not more than a decade before most current Longwood students were born. Businesses avoided

opening in Farmville because they were afraid of hiring uneducated employees. Longwood and surrounding schools lost valuable teachers and professors, not only due to lack of facilities, but because their families could not get an education in the area.

Anyone interested in more about the Moton Museum, the building is located across the street at the far corner of Longwood's campus, near the practice fields or email Martha Cook at mcook@moton.org.

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estrogens and progestins (an additional 9 weeks per year). This 91 day regimen gives women more options when exploring birth control.

When asking Longwood students about this new product, one woman said, "I would not take it because I like to get the monthly reassurance" of a period.

This is the view of some, but not all Longwood students; others feel that with the same rate of effectiveness they don't need the extra hassle of monthly menstrual cycles.

Women have experienced increased sporadic bleeding and spotting while using Seasonale but it's a factor you might want to overlook if seasonale appeals to you.

Side effects are limited and everyone is affected differently. For more information or concerns you should consult your physician.

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to Juliette Enfield, President of the organization.

Though the Student Government Association supports the program fully, money is limited due to budget cuts.

L.E.A.F. is currently focusing on gaining a Recycling Coordinator through Aramark to design a recycling program on campus that will allow students and faculty to recycle items such as paper, plastic, glass, aluminum, and more. As Ms.Ames said, "Every college that has a recycling program has a coordinator. We are one of the few that doesn't."

Once a recycling program is established, L.E.A.F. plans on distributing booklets to every student on campus, which provides helpful information on environmental issues.

The organization is working to provide recycling on campus and as Ms.Ames said, "Recycling is just the beginning." Students interested in learning more about L.E.A.F. can visit www.LEAF@longwood.edu. or attend meetings every two weeks at 6:30 p.m. in Stevens room 111.

Storyteller to perform

"Women of Magnificent Birth"

Queen Nur, a professional storyteller, will present a program titled "Women of Magnificent Birth" in Wygal 204 on Thursday, October 9, at 8 p.m. In the multicultural program, which is free and open to the public, Queen Nur will tell stories about women in history. Queen Nur, also known as Karen Nur El-Amin, founded Duinsity Storytelling & Lecturing Group in 1993 and has become "nationally known for her highly energetic, creative and expressive storytelling style," according to a promotional brochure. Her programs have been described as "packed full of moral lessons and educational, family and community values...from the oral tradition." Her visit is sponsored by Alpha Delta Mu, the social work honorary fraternity.

Your Questions Answered!

Come and hear from the President, Vice President and selected University officials at an Open Forum sponsored by the Student Government Association on Wednesday, October 8th in the Student Union Ballroom. There will be open microphones for any student who wishes to ask questions or make comments. Potential Topics include but are not limited to:

- Parking
- YOUR TOPIC HERE
- College Policies
- Construction
- Residence Halls
- Division I Status

The Longwood Muslim Students Association (MSA):
is seeking persons of peace to re-start the association.
Please contact the Office of Multicultural Affairs,
if you are interested. 395-2395

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There are three broad headings for neo-paganism - Earth Spirituality, Goddess Worship, and Wicca.

Earth Spirituality followers are people who are "practicing a belief system that doesn't necessarily put a face on the entity that they are worshipping - the worship of the earth, the worship of nature." They tend to hold their practices out in nature, in order to realize the contact through their ceremonies.

Goddess Worship "focuses basically on the female aspect," and these people connect their worship accordingly with different Goddesses, both inside and out.

Wicca is really at the center of all these different types of practices. "Most of the core practices...came out of Wicca," Riden said. The candles, incense, ritual chants, etc. have all come out of Wicca at some point.

The origin myth of certain aspects of Wicca date back to the Mesopotamian times, with the Goddess, who would be seen as the Mother (Earth Mother, Moon Mother), and the God of the Hunt. Pagans prove this through cave paintings, carvings on rocks, ancient statues, and sculptures. While the names might vary through different cultures, the basic principle stayed the same throughout different times, a female power and a male

power.

Religious people who conquer different places tend to try and get people to join their religion, or sometimes they are tolerant, and usually end up immersing the older religion into the new.

"Initially people converted [to Christianity] from the upper classes, while everyday people, rural people who are a part of the universal pagan concept," had their religion incorporated into the Christian religion, which can be seen by Christmas (the Christmas tree, the Yule log), or Easter (egg, fertility as seen through the symbolism of the Easter Bunny). But they also turned the horned God into the Christian Devil, and burned and tortured many of the practitioners of the old practice.

The period of time in which witches were persecuted was called "The Burning Times."

The triple Goddess, the Maiden/Mother/Crone, tends to be the image of the Goddess. It is also associated with the season - spring is the Maiden, summer is the Mother, and fall/winter is the Crone. The Horned God is very much an embodiment of sexuality, nature, the Sun or Sky. He is usually seen as the opposite of the Goddess.

The "Wheel of the Year" is a calendar of the Sabbats (holidays) as pagans and Wiccans hold them.

Yule (Solstice): (Dec 22) This

Sabbat traditionally celebrates the return of the Sun God to the Earth.

Imbolg: (Feb 2) Celebrates the returning Sun God and his bride the Virgin Goddess.

Ostara (Equinox): (March 22) Celebrates new life and emerging sexuality with the opening of spring.

Bealtaine: (May 1) Symbolizes the actual wedding of the Goddess and God.

Midsummer Solstice: Honors the Sun God at the height of his power, and the Goddess as the pregnant mother-to-be.

Lughnasadh: (Aug 1 or 2) Celebrates the first harvest.

Mabon (Equinox): (Sept 22) Celebrates the second harvest, wine, and balance.

Samhain: (Oct 31) Marked the beginning of winter and the Celts' new year. It is a day to honor the Crone Goddess and the dying God who will be reborn at Yule. Also marks the end of the harvest season. (Information about the Sabbats came from Edain McCoy's book *Sabbats: A Witch's Approach to Living the Old Ways*.)

It basically follows the changing of the seasons, but also the cycle of life and rebirth.

"We're about to move into the season of death. Death is not a bad thing to Wiccans. Death is a necessary thing, it's a good thing. It has to happen...in order for life to

begin again in the spring," Riden said.

The basic law of Wicca is "Do what ye will, as long as ye harm none," and the Threefold Law backs it up, by stating that whatever you send out into the universe, it will come back on you threefold. This warning usually keeps practitioners from turning to harmful acts.

Magic is the element that makes Wicca a mysterious, spiritual religion. "There is this notion that one really can create change in this world, the tangible world, through ritual and specialized knowledge," Riden said.

Different pagans believe that magic works in different ways, whether it is changing their minds or habits, or helping someone with health issues, or creating a difference in the environment. There are men and women that are green, or kitchen, witches, and they are commonly herbalists and midwives.

Wicca itself developed out of various bits and pieces of different religions that date back from long ago, like Tarot cards and tea leaf reading. Margaret Murry wrote a book called *The Witch-Cult in Western Europe*, and it sparked a whole new idea that there was still a pagan religion to be found in Europe.

Sexuality is a big part of Wicca, with the aspects of the Goddess and the God. To what degree sexuality is a part of actual ritual is dependant on the group or coven that is practicing.

It is more often a symbolic act, between the God and Goddess. They believe that there are "real

forces out there, male and female," Riden said. People tend to be very comfortable with Wicca and other pagan practices due to its open door to all sexualities.

When Wicca came to the United States during the 1920s and 30s, it came into contact with the growing movements of feminism, civil rights, environmentalism, Native American spirituality, etc., and there came a great variety of different practices of Wicca and other Neo-Paganism.

There are some major points against Wicca, though, including the basic points of lack of proof: There was no proven universal goddess religion, though goddesses were worshipped; Just because goddesses were worshipped did not mean women were equal or in control; There is no evidence that this religion was maintained or passed down in European families into modern times; The majority of those burned as witches were women, and many were healers, herbalists, and midwives, but there is no evidence that they were attempting to maintain pre-Christian paganism as such.

"Today, most Wiccans just accept it, and move on," Riden said. "No one can prove the stories in the Bible are true either, right? They just move on also."

As for statistics of the amount of pagans today, there are approximately 150,000 to 200,000 self identified Neo-pagans, witches, and Wiccans. 65% female, 15.9% male, 19.1% don't answer. 64.1% have an undergraduate degree or higher. (Data from Berger 1999 and Orion 1995)

Fall Recruitment Over: And It Only Took Two Weeks!

Kelly Fischer
Staff Writer

It was September 14, 2003 when 99 ladies began Greek recruitment for this fall semester.

Longwood received notice that Hurricane Isabel would hit Farmville that Thursday September 18, classes were cancelled and students were advised to make their way home if it was safe.

This also meant that recruitment would be stopped. Hurricane Isabel caused damage on the east coast but did not harm Farmville as many had speculated, and classes resumed the following Monday.

The decision also meant that recruitment, being that it was stopped on the Wednesday before, would just restart the following Wednesday and continue through Friday.

The last day of recruitment was

the day when sororities were supposed to give out their bids, and receive their new members that evening at Walk.

Unfortunately this was not the case and the 99 girls had to wait another day to receive their bids.

The decision was made due to a conflict in schedules of events taking place on campus.

Citizen Leader Day was scheduled for the evening of Friday, September 26th and Saturday, September 27th during the day.

Sarah Schoper, Director of Leadership and New Student Programs said, "Myself and SEAL started setting up for Citizen Leader Day on Friday at 3 p.m. It would have been impossible to be ready in time without the help of all the SEAL members.

Since 7 out of 17 SEAL members are Greek, had they chosen to participate in Bid Day, we would

have had to cancel Citizen Leader Day for Friday night.

I also don't think it is fair to them to have to make a choice between Bid Day and Citizen Leader Day--both events should support each other and not compete against each other."

During this past fall recruitment most of the 99 girls accepted a bid from a sorority. The Director of Sorority and Fraternity life, Olivia Acosta, says,

"We are really trying hard to follow national guidelines. The fall recruitment should be more relaxing and less strenuous."

Girls should contact Acosta for more information about spring recruitment. As for the mix-up about "Bid-Day," Acosta says,

"We hope that it never happens again and we were happy with everyone's cooperation and flexibility."

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Oktoberfest 2003: Here's to Longwood, Cheers to Oktoberfest!

Schedule

Thursday, October 2

5:00 pm	Alzheimer's Walk
5:00-7:00 pm	Block Party on Main Street

Friday, October 3

4:00 pm	Color Wars, Wheeler Mall
4:30-9:00 pm	Battle of the Bands
4:30-7:00 pm	Picnic Dinner on Stubbs Lawn
9:00 pm-1:00 am	BSA Ball, Lankford Student Union

Saturday, October 4

11:30am-12:30 pm	Booth Setup
12:30 pm	Booths open
12:30-2:00 pm	Picnic Lunch on Stubbs Lawn
12:30-1:00 pm	BASIC Choir Performance
1:00-1:10 pm	Spirit Leaders perform
1:10-1:20 pm	Klowns perform
1:20-1:30 pm	Dance team performs
1:30-2:30 pm	Band: Soldiers of Jah Army
2:00 pm	Women's Basketball~Alumni Game, Lancer Gym
2:00-7:00 pm	Biergarten open, Lancer Café
2:30-3:45 pm	Band: Virginia Coalition
3:45-4:30 pm	Band: Darren Jesse of Ben Folds Five
4:30-7:00 pm	Picnic Dinner on Stubbs Lawn
4:30-5:45 pm	Band: Sister Hazel
5:00 pm	Women's Soccer v. Pfeiffer, Longwood Soccer Field
5:45-6:45 pm	Band: Lonehawk
6:45-8:00 pm	Band: Vertical Horizon
7:00 pm	Men's Soccer v. Pfeiffer, Longwood Soccer Field
9:00 pm	NPHC Step Show

*Note: All performances are at the main stage area unless otherwise noted.

Letters From London

Paula Nusbaum
Staff Writer

I've now started my second week of courses at the University of Westminster and I'm starting to feel overwhelmed with the workload and different classroom methods.

I only have classes Monday through Wednesday, since most of my classes only meet once a week.

At first I felt really fortunate, because I had such a long weekend, but the downside of this is that I haven't been spreading my work out and have had to read three novels in one weekend. Hopefully I will plan better this week.

I had a great English class section today. In my Modernism class we were discussing Conrad's *Heart of Darkness*.

I'd have to say the biggest difference between US and UK English courses is that in the US, there seems to be more of a focus on the text itself and close read-

ing, while in the UK there is more of a focus on the general movements and context in which the novel was written.

I don't think one way is necessarily better than the other it's just different.

I'm getting along well with the girls on my hall. We have a lot of intense conversations about politics, religion, and our different cultures.

The one dominant theme seems to be how much the non-US girls hate George W. Bush.

They think he's uncouth, dumb, and an embarrassment to world politics.

We US girls are always on the defensive, because nobody really likes America's politics, especially with the war in Iraq.

While these conversations can become quite intense, there is

always a level of respect among us, and none of us are personally insulted by each other's remarks.

Besides politics we also often talk about differences in our cultures. Dating and sex are probably

She says dating isn't really allowed, at least not openly in her culture.

For example, if a girl and boy are walking down the street together, holding hands, a police officer will often stop them and demand them to show proof of marriage.

Miriam actually has a boyfriend, but she says it's very difficult to date since it's not openly accepted, and that they often have to lie or hide out in order to maintain a relationship.

Girls from other countries, such as Spain and Italy, seem to have dating practices like the US.

They say basically anything sexual is permissible as long as a woman keeps her virginity.

Sex still seems to be taboo in most European countries, but they are gradually lessening their standards and restrictions.

Last week most of the hall went out to celebrate a birthday on the floor.

We went to a club called The Zoo Bar, which is the same as any US club, with music, dancing, and drinking. I had a good time, although it's not something I like to do very often.

The music is the same, if a bit older than in the US. They played a lot of Michael Jackson, which I have never heard in a bar or a club in America, but I liked it.

I had the chance to visit the British Museum, which is amazing.

It is a huge museum that houses some of the oldest, most rare artifacts in the world.

There were old mummies, Roman jewelry, the Rosetta Stone, and much more.

So overall I had a very successful week. I'm going to try and see a matinee of a musical, and go to the Tea Museum this week.

If you have any questions about London you'd like to have answered, please e-mail me at pknusbau@longwood.edu.



the biggest topics.

I was most shocked when Miriam, a student from Morocco, described the dating practices in her country.

Protest Held to Support Same-Sex Marriage

U-Wire

The largest ever statewide lobbying effort for lesbian and gay civil rights was held at the Wisconsin State Capitol on Tuesday.

Sponsored by Action Wisconsin, over 200 citizens met to persuade state legislators to support civil marriage equality for same-sex couples and domestic partner benefits for state employees. Activists also urged legislators to vote against Assembly and Senate bills that would redefine marriage strictly as union between one man and one woman.

Wisconsin law defines marriage as an arrangement between "husband and wife," but if the currently proposed bills would be passed, the law would be specified as "one man and one woman."

President Bush asked Congress this summer to devel-

op federal legislation that would legally define marriage as a union specifically between one man and one woman. This action has drawn support from Congressional Republicans and party members alike.

"The president made clear that marriage is between a man

"[The right to same-sex marriage] is about whether we have the right to choose whom we love, whom we come home to at night."

and a woman," Angela Frozena, the State Chair for the College Republicans, says. "By passing [the bills], Wisconsin legislature is just attempting to clarify their legislative intent."

But the organization Action Wisconsin feels that this change is unnecessary.

"At the federal level, there are

1,049 rights associated with marriage, and there are hundreds more already at the state level," says Christopher Ott, Executive Director of Action Wisconsin. "Wisconsin law slams a door in the face of same-sex couples who cannot marry."

But not all lobbyists for lesbian and gay civil rights have immediate marriage intentions.

"It's important to know that not all gay couples want to marry," University of Wisconsin graduate Victor LeClaire says. "It's mostly about having the right [to marry], and being accepting of a different lifestyle."

The University of Wisconsin is one of out of three remaining Big Ten schools that still does not offer state employees domestic partner benefits like reduced rates on health care and

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Ambassador Spotlight

By Emily Miller

You've read the Spotlight, you've seen the table in the dining hall, and you've seen us all over campus. Come meet the Ambassadors at our

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One is on Wednesday October 1, 2003 at 9:30pm in the A and B rooms of Lankford Student Union

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October 3- 9, 2003

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Monday
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Oktoberfest Weekend

Cross Country
@Gardner-Webb (N.C.)
Invitational
4:45 p.m.

Women's Soccer
vs. Pfeiffer (N.C.)
5 p.m.

Gyre Meeting
Charlotte Room
6 p.m.

**Resume and Cover
Letter Writing**
Career Center
5- 6 p.m.

WMLU Meeting
Hiner 207
9 p.m.

Outdoor Club
Lancer 208
7 p.m.

Men's Soccer
vs. Pfeiffer (N.C.)
7 p.m.

**Just for Juniors
and Sophomores**
Career Center
7- 8 p.m.

Tuesday
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Thursday
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SGA Meeting
Lankford ABC Rooms
3:45 p.m.

Wednesday
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Baptist Student Union
Behind Stubbs
5:15 p.m.

Rotunda Meeting
Student Union (across from
the Post Office)
7:30 p.m.

**Job Search
Strategy Workshops**
Career Center
5- 6 p.m.

Women's Soccer
@Queens (N.C.)
1 p.m.

Interviewing Workshops
Career Center
5- 6 p.m.

Just for Seniors
Career Center
7- 8 p.m.

**Just for Juniors
and Sophomores**
Career Center
4- 5 p.m.

Unity Alliance
Grainger G16
8 p.m.

W.I.L.L. Meeting
TBA
9:15 p.m.

Martial Arts Club
Tabb Wrestling Room
7:30- 9:30 p.m.

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8:30 p.m.

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Catch the Spirit: A Longwood Lifesaver

Jennifer Wall
LU Public Relations

An officer whose face is very familiar to Longwood students is also the officer who recently saved a colleague's life.

Responding to a 911 call, Police Sergeant Roger Sudesberry arrived in the dining hall to find a dining hall employee, Sally Saunders, lying on the floor.

She was responsive, but complained of her side hurting. The rescue squad was called. Soon Saunders became unconscious; she did not have a pulse and was not breathing. After calling for the squad to speed up, Sgt. Sudesberry did the only thing he could: start CPR.

On the 10th compression, Saunders began to breathe again, sustaining her life until the arrival of the rescue squad. Sally Saunders had suffered from a stroke.

"You always wonder if you could really do this right, but when

the time comes to save a life, everything falls into place," stated Sgt. Sudesberry.

Only a couple of weeks prior to this incident, he completed a training course in the use of the Automatic External Defibrillator and CPR.

"Roger's actions certainly saved a life. Without lifesaving CPR, she would have died. Roger took the training he had received and put it into action.

Roger's reaction under pressure is indicative of a compassionate professional," stated Charles Lowe, Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police.

Having worked for Longwood for 17 years, Sgt. Sudesberry has seen and experienced a great deal.

He chuckles as he recalls negotiating with a couple of streakers and he is grateful for having talked

a student from jumping out of one of the high-rises.

Sgt. Sudesberry received the Jaycees' Police Officer of the Year award for pursuing on foot a purse-snatcher, catching him and then talking him into surrendering to police. Twice he has been Spirit Leader for OktoberFest and has received seven Chi commendations.

Sgt. Sudesberry is well known on the Longwood campus. He is known to be approachable and friendly yet effective in upholding the law.

"Roger is probably the best person to go to when there is a problem - his way of dealing with students is funny and personable, but he still gets the job done," stated Wendi Strickland, a senior psychology major.

"I want to make sure that students know me, so if a student needs something they know they can come to me," concluded Sgt. Sudesberry.

Sgt. Sudesberry and his wife of 26 years, Teresa, have two daughters, Crystal and April.



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other insurances. California, Connecticut, Hawaii, and Vermont offer limited recognition to same-sex couples, but Wisconsin does not.

"Contrary to what many believe, it's not all about the sex," Mary Fiore, an active member of Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, and a heterosexual Republican mother of a lesbian daughter says, "[The right to same-sex marriage] is about whether we have the right to choose whom we love, whom we come home to at night. As a mother, I want that for my daughter."

Fiore spoke out along with five other civil rights activists at Tuesday's rally, two of whom were members of openly homo-

sexual couples.

Action Wisconsin claims that over 200 people from across the state have made appointments to speak with legislators, and 31 out of Wisconsin's 33 senators are scheduled for questioning. An Assembly Committee recently approved the marriage-defining bill to progress to a full floor vote, but it is not clear when that vote will occur.

Tracie Blumentritt and Rebecca Angle, a lesbian couple with a two-year old daughter, Parker, are taking a stand for their same-sex couple civil rights.

"People always want to know what [our daughter Parker] calls us," Blumentritt says. "We tell them Parker is very clear about which one of us she wants. She calls me 'Mama' and Rebecca 'Mommy'."

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Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22)

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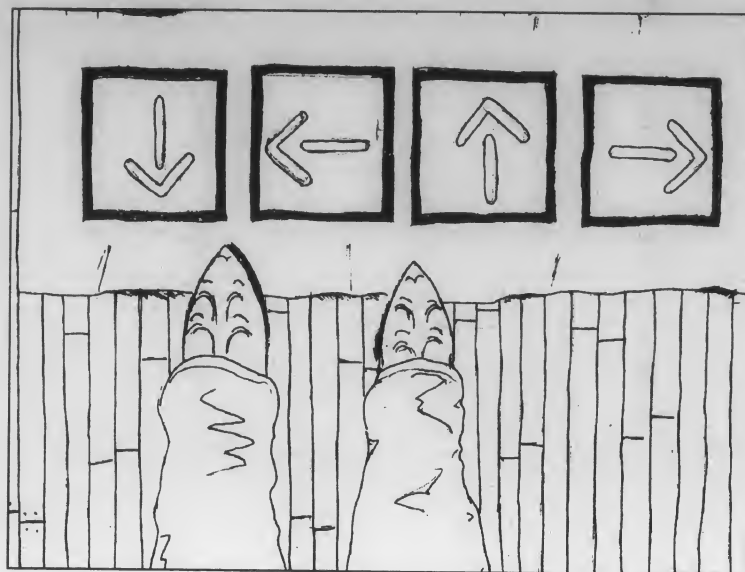
She's part girl and she's part boy; she's got parts everyone can enjoy.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today's lesson: How to proposition hookers in sign language.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan 19)

Stay away from the corn whiskey, it might lead to cornholing.



Dance, dance, revolution breaks into the country market.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

If you're not sure if the person you're going home with is a hermaphrodite you've had too much to drink.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

Just because you're a fish doesn't mean you have to drink like one.

Aries (Mar. 21-April 19)

I'm a god and you're not and I just thought that you should know.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

No matter what the waitress brings you should drink it and always be full.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

If Friday's dinner is on your floor Saturday morning just remember the five second rule does not apply.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Mountain Dew. Just remember too much can lead to shooting blanks.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Don't trust your roommate when he hands you a warm cup of beer in the morning.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22)

Forget the vaseline; spit works just as well.

CD Review: Early November's *For All of This*

Stacey Klutznick
Guest Writer

Have you ever been listening to a really great CD while driving and found yourself drumming the steering wheel and screaming the lyrics?

Maybe that sounds a little farfetched, but certain songs and lyrics like those of Early November certainly capture a listener's attention.

The band excited fans on Tuesday, September 23 during their statewide tour.

Bands like Allister, The Starting Line, Senses Fail, and Homegrown are touring alongside Early November at the Norva Theatre in Norfolk, VA.

If the band doesn't sound familiar, that might be because they are from Hammonton, New Jersey. However, they have their record deal with

Drive Thru Records alongside bands like Good Charlotte.

Their eclectic album, *For All of This*, carries a similar sound to those of Dashboard Confessionals and Jimmy Eat World, who the band admires.

The sounds of Early November alter with each track with the sounds of a bass and electric guitar, drums, and strong vocals about love, relationships, and heartache to get the listener attentive.

Tracks #4, #6, and #10 carry a melody vibe with soft vocals by Ace Ender (the lead singer). He makes you feel the emotion of the words he sings with the use of his guitar and vocals alone.

This allows you to listen to the words more closely and relate to situations he describes.

Tracks as #2, #9, #11, and

#14, for instance, have a distinct, energetic sound with incredible guitar and drumming talent by band mates Sergio Anello and John Dubistksy.

Though there is loud singing, it isn't hardcore, but instead effective with words like, "For all of this, I'm better off without you."

Even if you aren't into this type of music, the album is something you can listen to while working on a paper, driving down the road, or even exercising to.

It carries a vibe of energy that keeps your feet moving and your head nodding to the beat.

The album is available in stores and for more information on the band and tour dates check out www.drivethrurecords.com/theearlynovember.

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Movie Review: *Under the Tuscan Sun*, Not Your Usual Chick Flick

U-Wire

A sudden divorce leads novelist Frances Mayes (Diane Lane) to seek solace and succor on a vacation to Tuscany. While on a bus tour, Frances spots a quaint villa, the "Bramasole," and hastily purchases it. This marks the end of her American life and the beginning of her Italian journey of independence.

In *Under the Tuscan Sun*, Diane Lane does not disappoint in her first performance since her Best Actress Oscar nomination in *Unfaithful*. She is in her element as an unassuming, confused writer who is certainly out of her element in a foreign land. Lane's handling of the dramatic moments pairs nicely with her comedic timing, which is sprinkled effectively throughout the story.

Loosely based on the national bestseller of the same title, *Under the Tuscan Sun* is the story of a woman's self renovation as she renovates her new home.

Throughout her massive home improvement project, Frances encounters an assort-

ment of vibrant characters: Katharine (Lindsay Duncan), a middle-aged hedonist seeking her own destiny, Signor Martini (Vincent Riotta), the charming realtor who helps her purchase the ruddy "Bramasole," and Marcello (Raoul Bova), the daz- zlingly handsome Italian man who courts her.

Another scene-stealer is Sandra Oh (of HBO's "Arli\$\$"), who portrays Frances' best friend Patti, a gay woman who becomes pregnant.

Her concern for her friend is what starts Frances on her path to self discovery: it is Patti who arranges for the reluctant Frances to take her Italian vacation in the first place.

Oh is funny and engaging in the role and brings depth to a relationship between female best friends (a relationship that is often misrepresented on film).

Considering the location, it would be difficult for writer-director Audrey Wells (author of *The Truth About Cats and Dogs* and director of Sundance-winner *Guinevere*) to not create a beautiful film.

Though *Under the Tuscan Sun*

is not a movie about Italy, Italy-lovers will not be disappointed with the sweeping landscapes that abound and the lovely shots of the minutiae that comprise Italian culture (handfuls of olives, bustling marketplaces and bumpy, narrow roads to name a few).

Along with cinematographer Geoffrey Simpson, Wells makes Italy an ideal backdrop for the story. Because its beauty is so dramatic and expansive a thing to capture, Italy's visuals could have easily overwhelmed the story, but Simpson and Wells present them in just the right amount.

Wells should also be credited for creating an original, realistic film about feminine heartbreak. Sobfests and chocolate binges are sparse. Rather, *Under the Tuscan Sun* portrays a strong, interesting female character who takes a proactive approach to starting a new life and moving past a man who betrayed her.

For this reason, *Under the Tuscan Sun* does not fall into the loathed "chick flick" category. Instead, it is an in-depth character study that ignores traditional

storyline conventions. In fact, the highlight of *Under the Tuscan Sun* is its ending -- because it's pragmatic and believable -- something male viewers will enjoy.

The film also takes an original approach to painting an accurate picture of Italian life -- it dichotomously downplays and reinforces the stereotypes of Italian culture. In one scene between Frances' and Marcello, Frances laughs as Marcello makes a romantic statement that "American women think Italian men say." Frances then proposi-

tions Marcello to sleep with her, and Marcello retorts, "That's exactly the kind of thing we Italian men think American women say."

Like the delectable feasts that Frances prepares, *Under the Tuscan Sun* is seasoned well -- with breathtaking images, delightfully funny moments and an impressive, diverse cast.

More than a life lesson it is a study of life. It shows that there are second chances, nothing can be predicted and almost anything can be cured with a hearty Italian meal.



Sex Kola: Rhode Island's New Diet Soda

U-Wire

Sex sells. Or at least that's what Suzanne Manzler and Dana Paul hope as they roll out Sex Kola, a new diet soda bottled in Providence.

The provocatively-named concoction hit New England shelves in early August, according to Manzler, who co-founded the brand with Paul.

"We've grown a great deal over the past six weeks," Manzler said, describing sales as "remarkable" since production began almost two months ago.

"The soda market was much easier to get into than I thought," she said.

"We were both on the Atkins diet at the time, and an energy drink that tasted like a soda seemed quite appealing," she said.

The Sex Kola on shelves at convenience stores like Store 24 and Metro Mart is a fruit-flavored, brightly colored liquid that is free of sugar, carbohydrates and calories. It gets its sweetness from Splenda, a sugar derivative.

The drink is a direct competitor to energy drinks like Red Bull, Manzler said.

But it also provides another option to diet drinks and sodas, she said.

"Sex Kola is a unique drink that really doesn't have an equal competitor," she added.

"The sales have done well, and we plan to keep it in stock," said Mohamed Ben, who works at Metro Mart on Thayer.

But, Ben said, more established drinks continue to sell better than the upstart soda.

"Red Bull is still doing much better, and drinks such as Diet Coke are much stronger," he said.

The diet drink comes in four flavors: Lust Lemonade, Randy Root Beer, Scream Orange Cream and Discipline Lemon Lime.

In addition to the eye-catching names, the Sex Kola bottles feature vintage-style labels, inspired by Cinnamon Altoids containers, Manzler said. The company plans to change the labels periodically, with the hope of making them collectible items.

Right now, four scantily clad women in pinup poses dominate the labels of each flavor.

"Eventually we want to hold a contest for label girls," Manzler said.

The co-founders are also working on a slogan for the sweet drinks. Manzler said they have a few ideas - the current favorite being "Cut the bull and try some sex."

Manzler and her co-founder are also focusing on expanding the distribution area beyond New England, she said. Next on the list are stores in New York and Philadelphia. Clubs in California and Washington have received Sex Kola samples.

For the time being, though, the co-founders are enjoying the drink's success in Providence, which Manzler attributed in part to its broad customer base.

"I'm finding many women over the age of 40 who enjoy our product because of the health benefit," she said. "Older men enjoy it not just for the diet taste but also for the label."

My Two Cents: Alternative Threesomes

Willard A. Vaughn
Opinion Editor

Oktoberfest is upon us which means one thing. Its time to get drunk.

This of course leads to some undesirable things like having drunk monkey sex with your best friend's girlfriend.

That's never a good thing.

On to the question:

Dear Willard:

For a birthday present last month, I gave my boyfriend something every man desires. My female friend and I got together and engaged in a threesome. The problem is that I discovered that I liked doing it with my friend rather than my boyfriend. What do I do?

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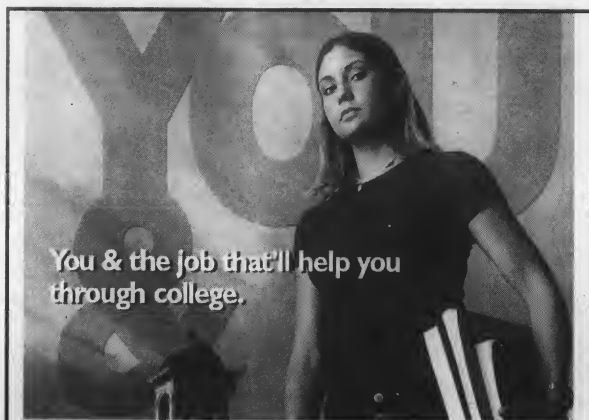
Well, Confused my response to you is very simple. You

have to be truthful with your boyfriend and tell him how you felt.

But before you completely dump him and move on, make GOOD WELL AND DAMN SURE that you are in fact into women more than men. You may find that you like both sexes.

There is nothing wrong with being a homosexual. Its better to be honest with yourself than to try and play a role that you don't feel comfortable playing. Part of the college experience is discovering yourself and who you are. So if that is who you are, don't be afraid to express it.

As always if you have a question about life, love, or sexuality feel free to send it to rotunda@longwood.edu care of Willard. Be careful with each other's hearts, the next one the breaks might be yours.



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Men's Cross Country Finishes 7th

Sports Information

Longwood University totaled 203 points to finish seventh among seven men's teams at the Ukrop's X-Country Festival at Maymont September 26 in Richmond.

NCAA Division I the University of Richmond won the 8K event with 31 points, while the race winner was Goran Nava (26:37) of Division I Radford University.

The Lancers return to action October 3 at the Gardner-Webb Invitational in North Carolina.

At Maymont, freshman Keith Smith/Powhatan (Powhatan) once-again led Longwood with his time of 29:49 to place 18th overall among 52 runners.

Other Lancers running include classmate Chris Gibbs/Richmond (L.C. Bird) (32:22, 36th), senior Greg

Branch (37:42, 50th), along with freshman Deo Smith/Bridgeport, Conn. (Kolbe Cathedral) (49:46, 52nd).

Through the first month of the season, including four competitions, Smith has posted the fastest time for Longwood with his school-record 29:07 at the Elon/High Point Invitational September 6.

Other season-best times include Gibbs (30:40), freshman Wes Spece/Martinsville (Carlisle) (31:54), sophomore Joel Burkett/Chesterfield (Manchester) (31:56), Harrison (32:09), Lampkins (34:18), and Smith (41:28).

Following the Gardner-Webb competition, Longwood will participate in the Virginia Division II-III State Championships October 11 in Harrisonburg hosted by Eastern Mennonite University.



Harrison/Fairfax (Robinson) (34:51, 47th), sophomore John Lampkins/Chesapeake (Western

Men's Tennis Plays in Liberty Invitational Tournament

Sports Information

Longwood University participated in the Liberty Invitational Tournament hosted by Liberty University in Lynchburg September 26-27.

The event was a singles and doubles format with no team scores. The Lancers will next play October 7 at nearby Hampden-Sydney at 3 p.m.

At Liberty, freshman Rashko Patnikov/Bankya, Bulgaria (Smirnenski) led Longwood with his 2-1 record in singles competi-

tion.

Others competing in singles included junior Chris Newman/Chesapeake (Hickory) (1-2), along with sophomores Diego Quiros/Quesada, Costa Rica (Maria Immaulada) (0-3) and Ian Young/Bowie, Md. (Eleanor Roosevelt) (0-3).

In doubles, Patnikov and Newman led the Lancers with their 1-2 record, followed by Quiros and Young (0-3).

Following the Hampden-Sydney match, Longwood will participate in the East Coast Collegiate Championships

October 19-21 in Newport News.



Women's Cross Country Finished 6 of 8 at Maymont

Sports Information

Longwood University totaled 197 points to finish sixth among eight women's teams at the Ukrop's X-Country Festival at Maymont September 26 in Richmond.

NCAA Division I the University of Richmond won the 5K event with 15 points,

including the race winner Amanda Russell (19:03).

The Lancers return to action October 3 at the Gardner-Webb Invitational in North Carolina. At Maymont, junior Lynette Robinson/Mineral (Louisa Co.) led Longwood with her time of 21:41 to place 24th overall among 64 runners.

Other Lancers running

included classmate Jessica Walton/Williamsburg (Jamestown) (22:03, 29th), senior

Kristel Moser/Roanoke (Northside) (22:46, 42nd), juniors Tiffany Denby/Charlottesville (Monticello) (23:57, 48th) and Holly Miller/Newport News (Woodside) (24:21, 54th), along with senior Leslie Lineberry/Glen Allen

Women's Soccer Team Defeats CNU 4-0

Sports Information

Longwood University won its only game played during the past week, defeating NCAA Division III Christopher Newport University 4-0 September 27.

The Lancers are now 4-2-1 this season with three-straight victories and four consecutive shutouts.

Longwood will play again September 30 on the road at Tusculum (Tenn.), a team ranked #20 in Division II with a 6-2-0 record. Tusculum's only losses are to defending national champion and #2 ranked Christian Brothers (2-0) and to #5 ranked Kennesaw State (3-1).

Against CNU in the first home match this season, senior Phoebe Munson/Virginia Beach (Tallwood) scored what proved to be the game-winning goal at 12:37 of the first half for Longwood — assisted by freshman Tiffany Crane/Virginia Beach (Kellam).

Crane added her own goal less than two minutes later at 14:18, assisted by sophomore Tiffany Rice/Virginia Beach (Kellam). Redshirt-freshman Stacy Crites/Manassas (Osborn) tallied her first collegiate goal unassisted at 31:44 and the Lancers led 3-0 at the intermission.

Freshman Anna Gravely/Virginia Beach (Cox) added a late goal for the hosts at 80:18, also unassisted. Longwood took a 10-5 advantage in shots against Christopher Newport, and a 6-0 edge in corner-kick

opportunities.

Junior keeper Lindsay Naill/Alexandria (Bishop Ireton) played all 90 minutes in front of the net for the Lancers with four saves to preserve her fourth consecutive shutout.

Through seven matches, Longwood is led in scoring by Crane with two goals and three assists for seven points (1.00). Crane is followed by Gravely (2 goals, 1 assist) with five points (0.71), Munson (2 goals) with four points (0.57), along with Rice (1 goal, 1 assist), sophomore April Lockley/California, Md. (Leonardtown) (1 goal, 1 assist), and freshman Kelsie Bradberry/Richmond (Monacan) (1 goal, 1 assist) with three points (0.42) each, and Crites (1 goal) with two points (0.33).

Munson, with 41 career goals, ranks second all-time for the Lancers (Erin Hirschi, 44). Naill has now played 425 minutes in front of the net, allowing just one goal (0.21) with 18 saves for a .947 save percentage with the four shutouts in a row. Naill, with 22 career shutouts, ranks second all-time for the Lancers (Amy Kennedy, 25).

Freshman keeper Heather Storrie/Spring Grove, Pa. (Spring Grove) has played 225 minutes in front of the net, allowing six goals (2.40) with 12 saves for a .667 save percentage.

Following the Tusculum contest, Longwood returns home to host Pfeiffer University October 4 at 5 p.m. on Lancer Field during Oktoberfest at the University.

(Hermitage) (26:36, 61st).

Through the first month of the season, including four competitions, Walton has posted the fastest time for Longwood with her 20:41 at the Danville Collegiate Challenge Sept. 13.

Other season-best times include Robinson (20:43), Denby (21:39), Moser (21:46), Miller (23:21), gradu-

ate student Theresa Bridge/Farmville (Prince Edward Co.) (24:11), and Lineberry (26:26).

Following the Gardner-Webb competition, Longwood will participate in the Virginia Division II-III State Championships October 11 in Harrisonburg hosted by Eastern Mennonite University.

Lancer Men's Golf Finishes Fourth Among 11

Sports Information

Longwood University opened its 2003-04 campaign with tournament participation at both Eastern Kentucky University and James Madison University during the past week.

The Lancers finished fourth among 11 teams at the Eastern Kentucky/Colonel Classic September 26 in Richmond, Kentucky after a 16th-place effort among 17 teams at the JMU Invitational September 21-22 in Harrisonburg.

Longwood will play again October 13-14 at the 54-hole Tennessee-Chattanooga/Sonic Intercollegiate.

At EKV, thunderstorms forced cancellation of the final round as Longwood finished with a 36-hole total of 287-297-584 at the 6,638-yard, par 72 Arlington Golf Club.

Lancer freshman standout

Brett Chambers/Mount Sidney (Fort Defiance) won his first collegiate tournament, in only his second event, with his new 36-hole school-record of 66-71-137. NCAA Division I host Eastern Kentucky University won the team title with its 565 total featuring six Division I teams.

Chambers' seven-under par 137 total was the best by one stroke among the 71-player field, and surpassed his own previous school-record that he established just five days earlier (73-66-139, James Madison Invitational).

His 66 equaled another of his own previous school-records, the round of 66 from

earlier in the week at JMU as well. Chambers was the runner-up at this summer's Virginia Men's State Amateur.



Other Lancer scores in Kentucky included junior Trey Deal/Martinsville (Martinsville) (76-73-149, t-25th) and sophomore Michael Joyce/Peterborough, Ontario

(Peterborough Collegiate) (71-78-149, t-25th), freshman Chris Shuford/Fredericksburg (Colonial Forge) (74-76-150, t-33rd), along with senior Mike Nemcosky/Chesapeake (Great Bridge) (81-77-158, t-55th).

At JMU, Longwood finished with a 54-hole total of 302-291-299-892 at the 6,517-yard, par 71 Lakeview Golf Course.

NCAA Division I Georgetown University won the event with its 846 total in the tournament featuring 15 Division I teams.

The Lancers were led Chambers who finished with a 73-66-79-218 to tie for 29th individually among the 85-player field. Chambers' 218 total ranks fourth-best all-time for the program following his record-setting effort during the

first two rounds while making his collegiate debut.

Other Lancer scores included Joyce (75-74-73-222, t-49th), senior Carl Magnusson/Linköping, Sweden (Katedralskolan) (77-75-75-227, t-70th), Deal (77-76-74-227, t-70th), along with senior Matt Paciocco/Richmond (Mills Godwin) (77-77-77-231, t-76th).

Through the first two tournaments, including 90 holes of golf, Chambers has posted a low scoring average of 71.00 with the two outstanding rounds of 66.

Chambers is followed by Joyce (74.20, 71), Deal (75.20, 73), Magnusson (75.67, 75, 54-holes), Paciocco (77.00, 77, 54-holes), Shuford (75.00, 74, 36-holes), and Nemcosky (79.00, 77, 36-holes).

The Lancers are averaging 295.20 as a team through the first two events. Following the Tennessee-Chattanooga tournament, Longwood will compete at the East Carolina Invitational October 20-21.

Campus Athletics More Than Just Win Or Lose

U-Wire

A typical day for most college students may be a few lectures, a discussion, and a whole lot of homework. But for a select few, a typical day includes the lectures and the homework, as well as a nationally televised championship game or a rigorous 6 a.m. practice.

College athletes must keep demanding schedules at most universities across the nation.

Ivy league graduates William Bowen and Sarah Levin recently conducted a study on the universities in the New England Small College Athletic Conference, known as NESCAC. Bowen and Levin published their findings in the book "Reclaiming The Game: College Sports and Educational Values", debuting this week by Princeton University Press.

In their book, Bowen, a former Princeton president, and Levin, a 2000 graduate of Harvard University and an All-American sailor, claim some athletes are falling behind their classmates and separating themselves aca-

demically and socially. Bowen and Levin trace this rift through a number of areas, such as high school academic performance, choice of major and college academic performance.

The NESCAC schools, nine of which are Ivy League, all count athletics as a significant

Wisconsin.

Bowen and Levin found that athletes in the NESCAC tend to pick the social sciences and business majors; 56 percent of recruited male athletes at Ivy League schools decided on these academic disciplines, while only 34 percent of the entire male student population at these universities declared these majors. Bowen and Levin also argue that heavily recruited athletes account for as much as 25 percent of incoming classes in NESCAC, and they receive a considerable advantage in admissions over more qualified students.

With the pressures of big-time athletics being placed on athletes at Division I schools such as UW, the transition



part of campus life. But most offer no athletic scholarships to recruited athletes and are classified as Division III schools, unlike other big-time athletic universities, such as the Division I athletics at the University of

between student and athlete can become easier with the right time-management skills. With some athletic teams practicing until as late as 11:30 p.m., finding

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Field Hockey 1-2 Last Weekend

Sports Information

The Longwood University field hockey team went 1-2 this weekend, with a win on September 26 at Division II Philadelphia University and losses at Division I teams Towson September 27 and Lehigh September 28.

At Philadelphia, Sophomore midfielder Echo Naugle (Virginia Beach, Va./Princess Anne) dropped in two goals late in the first half as the Lancers shutout Philadelphia University 3-0 this afternoon at Alumni Field.

Entering the game with only 16 minutes left in the first half, Naugle fired a shot into the back of the cage at the 25:21 mark off a pass from freshman forward Jen Hawkins (Virginia Beach, Va./Frank W. Cox).

Almost a minute later, Naugle found the net again off an assist from junior forward Lorrie Watts (Fredericksburg, Va./Stafford), giving Longwood a 2-0 advantage going into the break.

In the second half, Julie Price (Stafford, Va./North Stafford) sealed the victory for the Lancers with a goal at the 52:35 mark off a cross from sophomore forward Sarah Hitchings (Virginia Beach, Va./Kempsville).

Junior keeper Julie Patterson (Esmont, Va./Monticello) recorded her second shutout of the season and tallied seven saves in 70 minutes.

Rams keeper Jill Martin was also credited with seven saves for the game.

Price led the Lancers with five saves, followed by Naugle with three and senior midfielder Andrea Wilkinson (Chantilly, Va./Chantilly) and Hawkins with two each.

Watt's assist in today's match moves her into ninth-place on

Longwood's top-10 career assists list with 16, tied with Janelle Kern.

At Towson, Longwood put in a valiant effort, but was stopped short this afternoon against the Tigers 5-3 at Minnigan Field. Jessica Burkhardt gave the Tigers a 1-0 lead with 19:01 remaining in the first half.

Longwood tied it at 1-1 less than five minutes later when Price put the ball in the far back corner of the cage off a cross from Watts.

The Lancers took the lead with just 12:00 minutes to play in the first half when Watts scored off on a penalty corner pass from Katy Lernihan (Fredericksburg, Va./Chancellor).

The Tigers were able to tie the game up less than two min-

six penalty corners to Longwood's five.

At Lehigh, the squad stumbled 4-1 at the Ulrich Sports Complex. Lehigh got on the board early when Blaire Goodwin netted a goal off of an assist from Sheila Clabby just 34 seconds into the contest.

Goodwin then fed Dana Griffin for another score at the 9:31 mark and the Mountain Hawks were ahead 2-0. With 18 minutes remaining in the half, Goodwin scored again, putting Lehigh up by three.

Longwood managed to get on the board when Hawkins scored and the lead was two at halftime for Lehigh.

In the second half, Lehigh's Maureen Harrington scored her third goal of the season off an assist from Kirsten Wyche with five minutes

remaining to seal the victory. Patterson tallied seven saves in 70 minutes, while Lehigh split time between Jeanine Hoff (4 saves) and Meghan Gove (0 saves). Sophomore forward Echo Naugle led Longwood with two shots, followed by one a piece from Hawkins, Price, Watts and

sophomore midfielder Marina Sizow (Virginia Beach, Va./Kempsville).

After a two-week break, the Lancers (4-8) return to action at Radford October 11 at 12:30 p.m.

After a strong performance this past weekend, Price leads the Lancers with 18 shots and is second in scoring with four goals.

Sophomore forward Alexis Ramey is first in scoring with five goals, followed by Echo Naugle with three. Jen Hawkins and Andrea Wilkinson have two goals each for the Lancers.

Wilkinson, along with Sarah Hitchings are the assists leaders with two a piece. In net for Longwood, Julie Patterson has racked up 111 saves in 12 games and a .760 saves percentage.



utes later as the pass from Andrea Schlezes gave Julie Lambi a wide open shot in front of the Lancers' goal.

Towson took its second lead of the game early in the second half when Ashley Lobach scored unassisted with 28:10 to play.

The Lancers stayed aggressive and managed their third goal of the game with 20:06 remaining when Naugle slipped one passed Loren Wolf on a broken penalty corner to tied the game at 3-3.

Towson answered with two more goals in the final 18 minutes to seal the win.

Patterson tallied seven saves in 70 minutes, while Towson's Loren Wolf recorded three. The Lancers took the advantage on shots 9-7, while the Tigers had

ATHLETE cont'd p. 14 the time to do homework can prove difficult.

"I definitely have to get all of my homework finished before practice," Brittany Guynn, a wing player and driver for the water polo team, said. "I spend a lot more time at the library than I normally would."

Organizations such as the Student Athlete Advisory Board and the Champs Life Skills Program attempt to intertwine the academic, athletic and social aspects of a student athlete's lifestyle. SAAB showcases a representative from every sport offered at UW and discusses common issues that each sport may face.

The Champs Life Skills Program, sponsored by the NCAA, delivers guest speakers for athletes on many nationwide issues that plague every college student, not solely athletes, such as date rape and alco-

hol abuse.

"Many of our athletes come from far places and are away from their parents for the first time," UW Associate Athletic Director for Communications Steve Malchow said. "It's a lot of pressure being heaped on them because athletics are a very visible way to see the university."

Malchow is quick to stress that academic performance is an equal part of the college experience, though.

"It's a cooperative effort between academics and athletics, and if you don't complete the academic side, there is no athletic side, either," he said.

Malchow also acknowledged the pressure that many athletes face due to the high profile of university athletics, but emphasizes the scope of the campus as a whole. "There is a lot of focus on how many games we win, but athletics here at the UW is just so much more than that," he said.

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Sniper Trial Begins

Liz Richards
Editor-In-Chief

The trial of John Allen Muhammad, the suspect of last fall's sniper shootings, began with a surprising statement from Muhammad who decided to defend himself in court.

According to the Associated Press, Muhammad began his opening statements by quoting Jesus and explaining the meaning of truth.

"Ye shall know the truth...the facts should help us identify what's a lie, [and] what's not a lie," said Muhammad.

He is being charged with capital murder in the killing of Dean Harold Meyers, a 53-year-old Vietnam veteran who was shot last October during the sniper's three week shooting spree in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington D.C.

It is believed that the shootings were part of a plot to

extort \$10 million.

Fifteen days after the killing, Lee Boyd Malvo, another suspect in the trial, and Muhammad were found sleeping in their vehicle at a highway rest stop.

Within the first five minutes of his arguments, Muhammad did not mention anything about the sniper shootings, instead he spoke of his children, and asked the jury to pay close attention to detail because, "my life and my son's life is on the line," referring to Malvo who is believed to have pulled the trigger, killing Meyers.

All suspects in the trial are being tried first in Virginia due to its harsh capital punishment laws.

Second to Texas, which has 310 executions, Virginia has sentenced 89 criminals to the death penalty since the U.S. Supreme Court permitted the restoration of capital punishment in 1976.

McGann and Stwodah To Present

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A foreign service officer involved in rebuilding Iraq and Afghanistan will discuss U.S. foreign policy, and an Afghan-born employee will discuss his native country, Wednesday, November 12, at 7 p.m. in Longwood University's Wygal Auditorium.

Steven McGann, director of the Office of Assistance for Asia and the Near East in the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration, will speak on "The Role of Humanitarian Assistance in U.S. Foreign Policy."

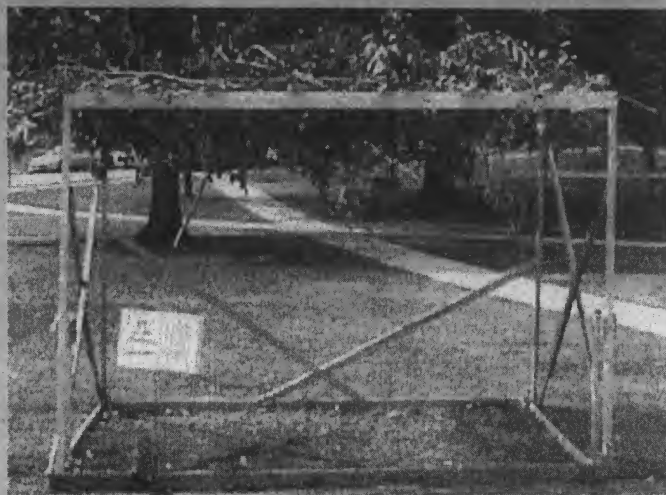
Ibrahim Stwodah, a longtime Longwood librarian, will speak



about Afghanistan after the fall of the Taliban, focusing on social and economic conditions today and on the reconstruction. In his remarks, titled "Personal Reflections," he also will give a brief history of the country.

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JSO Celebrates Harvest



This sukkah was sponsored by the Jewish Student Organization (JSO) and erected behind Lankford Student Union in honor of the Festival of Sukkot. This Jewish holiday is a celebration of the harvest and a commemoration of the forty years during which the children of Israel wandered in the desert. The word "Sukkot" means "booths" and the sukkah is a temporary shelter that the people would live in during the seven days of Sukkot. All information courtesy of <http://www.jewfaq.org>.

Panty Raid on Longwood's Campus

This article was originally printed in the Farmville Herald in 1953.

Hampden-Sydney College students have been forbidden dates with Longwood College students indefinitely, as a result of a "panty" raid staged last Thursday night by a group of Hampden-Sydney College students on Longwood College dormitories. Dr. Dabney Lancaster immediately until further notice.

Dr. Edgar Gammon president of Hampden-Sydney College, said the incident was very deplorable and that appropriate action would be taken. Such matters are referred to the Student Assembly, which now has it under consideration.

The Hampden-Sydney Student Assembly, which is charged with students acts at the College, has been in session since the occurrence and on Monday at a Student Body meeting disciplinary action was to have been recommended.

The raid occurred Thursday night shortly after 11:30 o'clock when as many as fifty Hampden-Sydney College students entered the dormitories.

Entrance in some cases was made by breaking windows and door locks. The principal raid was on the junior-senior dormitory, Cunningham Hall, where the matron and a senior student attacked the raiders with brooms.

The raid, a recurrence of the rash of "pantie" raids which

swept colleges last year, was over in a short time. A considerable quantity of lingerie was taken, before police reached the scene.

Local and State officers set up road blocks and patrolled the entrance roads to Hampden-Sydney College and collected some of the lingerie taken from the dormitories.

Names of 18 Hampden-Sydney students thought to be implicated in the raid were furnished by school authorities.

Damage to school buildings is estimated between \$25 and \$30, being broken windows and screens principally. The students lost an estimated \$230.00 worth of lingerie, a part of which was recovered.

Words From the Editor



I will openly admit to watching the show *Jackass* and liking it.

I think the stunts on the show are hilarious, and the stuff they think of amazes me. I'm surprised they haven't run out of ideas.

Call me twisted, but my favorite segments are when Bam Margera slaps around his dad, Phil.

A movie has even been made based on the popular MTV show, and Johnny

Knoxville is nothing short of a celebrity these days.

The show has started a revolution, and is, in reality television, a genre all its own.

What strikes me is the number of people who try Evil-Kanevil-like stunts on their own. Why?

Recently I read about this guy who jumped off of Niagra Falls, and had a friend videotape the whole thing.

There is only one other person to have ever survived a leap from the falls without a life jacket or life-preserving device of any kind; no all others have been so fortunate.

According to the story, the police have ruled out suicide, which apparently happens a lot at Niagra Falls, and they

think he was doing this as a stunt.

Falling down a fountain that gushes 150,000 gallons per second, and living to tell the tale might give someone bragging rights, but after a while your friends get sick of hearing how you body surfed the falls.

Life is so precious, and while it might be funny (and entertaining) to see Knoxville staple his ass cheeks together, it's quite another when someone is so careless with their fragile existence.

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The Rotunda is an equal opportunity volunteer organization and is looking for people who are interested in writing or layout. We currently have positions available and ask anyone who is interested to come to our meetings, Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Tobacco is a big issue on campuses nationwide. Almost every campus has developed a smoke-free policy or is in the process of doing so.

Cigarette smoke is much more dangerous than what many people are aware of. A report from the Surgeon General stated that cigarette smoke is the primary cause of cancer deaths in the United States.

Along with causing cancer, it speeds up the heart, attacks the lungs, can cause cataracts in the eyes, stains your teeth, as well as causing your skin to have a grayish tint, which is called "smokers face."

Of course these are just a few of many. It can also cause infertility in women as well as men, and lots of time does. Women who smoke are three times more likely to be infertile.

Women that smoke also reach menopause 1 1/4 years earlier than non-smokers.

Secondhand smoke is just as dangerous. It is considered to be a group A carcinogen, which means that it causes cancer.

Secondhand smoke is the third leading cause of preventable death in the country. As a smoker you may be aware of what the smoke is doing to you,

but did you ever stop and think about what it might be doing to those around you?

People who are exposed daily to secondhand smoke have a thirty percent higher death and disease rate than that of a non-smoker.

Did you know that pets of smokers have up to a fifty percent greater chance of developing cancer, and that smoke from one-cigarette can remain in a room for up to five hours after smoking?

On a positive note, the majority of college students do not smoke. However, when surveyed on this question, many report their perceptions to be the opposite.

It may look like the majority of your campus smokes, but in reality they don't. In fact, 7 out of 10 Longwood University students DON'T smoke.

While the majority of the campus doesn't smoke, many of the sorority and fraternity members unfortunately do not meet this profile.

The Health and Wellness Center has collected data on this topic and are in the midst of putting it all together. We do know that the majority of the new members in the sororities come in saying that they do not smoke.

However, by the time they are a sister, this number tends to decrease and by a pretty significant amount.

What is the explanation for this? Members of sororities and fraternities are looked upon as being positive role models for the new members.

Often times the younger members will look up to the older members for advice and guidance. This particular statistic is a little bothersome.

Why are new members coming in as non-smokers and leaving as smokers? There will be more on this in the near future.

As a concerned member of a sorority, I am simply trying to make people aware of the consequences of smoking.

Smoking is not something that just stops overnight and I know that. But by providing some facts and insights it is a good first step. In fact most smokers do want to quit.

There are people out there, such as friends, family members, and health educators and workers, who will help and support you every step of the way.

Always remember: where there is a will there is a way. And for the majority of students that don't smoke, keep up the healthy behaviors!

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Can't We All Just Get Along?

Willard A. Vaughn
Opinion Editor

I wonder why it is that organizations on campus are unable to get along with each other.

During Oktoberfest, the radio station put me in charge of security for Battle of the Bands. I have been in security and later in EMS for about three years now, so I have had experience with doing these sorts of events.

This experience has taught me two things: first, to take the job seriously, and to prepare for the worst because when you are not prepared for the worst, that's when it happens.

I'm not saying that the task was difficult, especially considering how many people patronized Battle of the Bands this year, but still I had a responsibility to everyone that was there to protect them and make sure they had a good time.

In attempting to fulfill this mission, I contacted the former president of the now disbanded First Responders. I wanted to borrow some of the basic medical equip-

ment they had just in case something happened there.

In years past, the First Responder organization has provided a standby for all of Oktoberfest so that people like me didn't have to worry about it. I know this because I myself spent last Oktoberfest sitting in the mule watching Violent Femmes.

Now that this organization has chosen to distance itself from the people they have the responsibility of protecting, this is no longer the case. So as the person responsible for ensuring the fun and safety of everyone, it then became my job to ensure that this need was fulfilled should it become necessary.

Not only was I ignored in my request to borrow the equipment, but later when I went to the office area to get something else, I noticed that it had all been cleaned out and locked away so that no one could get to it.

This bothered me.

It bothered me to the point where I had to write a letter not

only to the SGA president, but also Dr. Pierson.

It bothers me that one organization would do this to another organization, especially considering that both organizations, in theory, share the same goal of doing what is best for the Longwood community.

It also bothers me because my student activity fees went to pay for the equipment that the First Responders carried. Now, since this organization is not part of Longwood, but rather an auxiliary unit of Prince Edward Volunteer Rescue Squad, the equipment that they carried is now state property (according to the SGA president).

Yet I, a trained and qualified individual that wanted to do nothing more than take my task seriously and provide this coverage should it become necessary, could not do so, because the equipment that I paid for was locked up so that I couldn't have it.

Fortunately, it did not become an issue, but if it had, you have to wonder who would be responsible.

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US Patriot Act not a Violation of Civil Liberties

Anonymous Author

There has been much published about the USA Patriot Act (USAPA), passed overwhelmingly by Congress after September 11th, and alleged violations of civil liberties surrounding the law.

However, there hasn't been much in the way of substantive debate.

Left-wing opponents assault the new law as an attack on our civil liberties while very rarely citing specifics within the amendments that directly threaten us.

Civil libertarians, concerned with government intrusion, also criticize the bill as too far reaching, while again, failing to mention the critical aspects of the bill.

Despite hyperbole from indi-

viduals such as Jerry Barlow and organizations such as the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) there is a lack of hard evidence that suggests the Patriot Act is a threat to our freedoms.

Most of the provisions within the Patriot Act were already laws prior to 9/11. It is strange why activists would start opposing such measures now when they have been in place for many years.

In fact, the Pen Register Amendment, (the provision that allows officials to seek a court order on envelope information of internet transmissions) received endorsement by the Clinton White house in July of 2000 ("US Hopes to Extend

Online Wiretapping" - Washington Post, July 17, 2000). Prior to that, Congress and the courts upheld individual parts of the act legislatively and through court cases, respectively.

The act collected hundreds of minor amendments to federal law, grouped into 10 subparts or "Titles" on these amendments from immigration to money laundering. There is the common misconception that the Patriot Act actually created new statutes, but in fact, most were simply modifications to U.S. code, Chapter 18, specifically. The Patriot Act only broadened law enforcement's reach when it came to terrorist investigation.

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props and drops

Props:

- + To being a cockeyed optimist.
- + To colored panties
- + To thongs
- + To Latina Ballerina
- + To the French Toast Man
- + To Little Miss Santa Slut
- + To the dude that jumped into Niagra Falls
- + To boobies

Drops:

- + To skid Marks
- + To reduced job prospects
- + To girls that leave their ass hanging out of their jeans
- + To running out of Cafe Money
- + To Five Million Papers due next week
- + To Kitten Mutulators

Speak Out

What do you think of Panty Raids?



"Do you get them back?"
--Ashley, Sophomore



"How desperate do you have to be to get some booty?"
--M. Foshay, Junior



"I've never done it, but I think it'd be fun."
--Nick, Freshman



"I've always wanted to travel."
--Victoria S., Thong

Thompson Talks About Drugs, Alcohol, And Sexual Assault

Stephanie Riggaby
Staff Advisor

Investigator John Thompson led students in a discussion about drugs in the college environment on Wednesday, October 22.

Thompson held a very detailed discussion, despite the fact his scheduled co-speaker Chief Charles Lowe was unable to attend, due to an illness.

Thompson has worked in law enforcement since 1972 and has worked in Narcotics here at Longwood since 1992.

Topics included the various dangers of illicit drugs and how they can be used in sexual assaults. Thompson centered much of his discussion on "date rape clubs," most specifically parties off campus.

"They make you drink and drink until you're obliterated," said Thompson.

He used various visual aids to illustrate points, including marijuana collected from a search, paraphernalia used in

the smoking of marijuana and cocaine and a booklet used in law education programs on college campuses.

Thompson also discussed the use of consensual search forms on campus.

The form is used when a resident is suspected of using narcotics in their dorm room, according to Thompson.

The form is then signed by the resident of the dorm room, giving Thompson per-

mission to freely search the room, until the resident asks him to stop.

At this point, Thompson said he would call another officer to the location

while he would go to the courthouse in town swear out a search warrant.

Thompson said that if residents were up front with him and presented all contraband, he would do whatever he could to help them.

"I always ask them to tell me the truth and I always stick the honor code in there," he said.

**"They make you
drink and drink and
drink until you're
obliterated."
-Thompson**

Do You Want to Hear Something Really Scary?

Lancer Productions, the campus activity board, has added to their yearly Halloween traditions. Along with the yearly hayrides and Dr. Jordan's near-legendary presentation, there will now be a camp-style bonfire, complete with marshmallows and scary stories. Here's the lineup:

Sunday, 26th:
8-9 p.m.

Dr. Jordan's presentation:
Once Upon a Time at Longwood,
Tales from Under the Ground

9-11 p.m.

Haunted Hayrides
Ride around campus and learn which ghost haunts your dorm

Bonfire

Out on the Wygal parking lot
Listen to scary stories, or tell one yourself
Bring your own marshmallows
(Hayride signup and starting point)

Friday, 31

Movie: 28 Days Later, 7:30 p.m., Lankford ABC Rooms

Along with the LP activities, here are other ways to have fun for Halloween on campus:

Thursday, 30th

Children trick-or-treat in Dining hall and dorms

Friday, 31

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The program is part of International Awareness Week.

McGann was deputy director of the Office for Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh Affairs in the Bureau of South Asia Affairs from 2000 to 2002.

Since joining the Foreign Service in 1979, he also has served with the U.S. Mission to the United Nations for U.N. Security Council Affairs, responsible for Central and South Asia and Cyprus, as well as at U.S. embassies and consulates in Kenya, South Africa, Zaire, Australia and Taiwan.

Stwodah (pronounced Stew-duh), a reference librarian who has worked at Longwood Library since 1981, has been personally affected by the political turmoil that has gripped his homeland for a quarter-century.

A native of Kabul, the capital, he graduated from Kabul University in 1964 and worked at the university (teaching English and editing publica-

tions) before studying at the University of Wyoming for three months in 1967 in an exchange program.

He went straight from there to Indiana University, where he earned a master's degree two years later and met his wife, a fellow graduate student.

After returning home, he became director of Kabul University Libraries, and his wife, an American, taught at the American International High School.

The Soviet Union invaded in 1979 and established a Communist government, and he was replaced by a Communist party member.

"My family and I managed to leave Afghanistan at the end of 1980," said Stwodah, who has seven children, including five from a previous marriage.

Three of Stwodah's children - son Naweed and daughters Fikria and Khalida - graduated from Longwood in 1991.

Along with their two older siblings, they were in the first group that escaped from Afghanistan into neighboring

Pakistan.

They had to travel by themselves from Kabul to Islamabad, Pakistan, which took two weeks.

They spent 40 days in Pakistan before the entire family was reunited there and flew to the United States in early November that year.

The ultra-orthodox Islamic militia known as the Taliban ruled Afghanistan from September 1996 until being overthrown in November 2001 by a U.S. military campaign.

They had taken power after several years of unrest and civil war - they were the third faction to seize power over a four-year period - which followed a nine-year war with the Soviet Union in which about a million Afghans were killed, at least half of the population was displaced and the countryside was devastated.

The Soviets, who had been opposed by U.S.-funded mujahadeen ("holy warriors"), withdrew from Afghanistan in 1989 after more than 25,000 of their soldiers were killed.

"At first there was a warm welcome for the Taliban. The people were fed up with war by that point," Stwodah said, adding that support waned as their brutality became evident.

By the time of the U.S. war against Afghanistan, the Taliban government, which harbored Osama bin Laden and was widely criticized for its human rights abuses, had diplomatic relations with only Pakistan.

Many of the former Taliban leaders have retreated to what Stwodah called the "tribal belt" between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

"They're trying to regain power, but they're not welcome back," he said.

Afghanistan was governed by a monarchy from its birth in 1747 until 1973 when the king, during a visit to Italy, was overthrown in a coup d'etat by his cousin, Mohammed Daoud, who gradually instituted a more democratic government, Stwodah said. Daoud was killed in a bloody Communist coup in 1978, touching off a

fractious power struggle that led to the Soviet invasion in December 1979.

Stwodah is a member of the Tajik ethnic group, which comprises close to 30 percent of the Afghan population, and his native language is Dary, the predominant language of business.

He still has cousins and other relatives in Afghanistan, which he has not visited since leaving in 1980, though his siblings are also in Virginia.

"I'm very optimistic about Afghanistan's future," said Stwodah, whose wife Patricia taught at Prince Edward Country High School until 1995.

"Business is booming. Schools, especially for girls, are opening. International banking has started.

The value of the Afghani (unit of currency) with the dollar exchange is worth more than the money of Pakistan or India.

It will take time to stabilize the country, but it's going to shape up."

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Tuesday, November 18, 2003 (with Wellness Program)	7:00pm	Curry Commons
Thursday, November 20, 2003	11:30 - 1:30 pm	Lancaster 319
Monday, December 1, 2003	6:15pm-7:30pm, and Halftime	Lancer

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Dr. Nancy Blattner, Interim Associate Provost for Graduate Studies and Support Programs, was the speaker for the initiation ceremony and Dr. Carolyn Cooper, Associate Professor of Guidance and Counseling is the advisor for the group.

WMLU Fired by Athletics

Longwood radio station will no longer cover basketball games

Stacey Klutz
Staff Writer

Over the summer, commercial announcers from WPAK radio were hired by the Athletic Department here at Longwood to broadcast away games in an effort to improve coverage.

A contract was signed with WPAK radio to broadcast 35 of the men and women's basketball

"The Athletic Department...was not happy with WMLU's performance"

games, according to Rick Mazzuto, Longwood Athletic Director.

The new system will allow full web cast coverage of the games. "We have no real opinion about it," said Aaron Canada, WMLU's sports manager. "There is no controversy we just feel it was pushed on us."

The Athletic Department made

the decision over the summer after they were unhappy with WMLU's performances at the basketball games, according to Canada.

"WMLU is more than welcome to air any games," Mazzuto said in response to this.

"We would be delighted to have them do it," he added. "This is

good training for the students but the reach is the most important to get as much coverage as possible."

The radio station, WMLU, is continuing their announcing at Longwood's home basketball games with help from WPAK for away games.

"We are perfectly happy with the change in program," said Matt Taylor, WMLU General Manager. "As long as we can announce that is all that matters."

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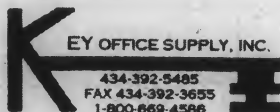
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What Are The Facts On *Ipsa Facto*? General Wilson to Speak

Stephanie Riggsby
Staff Adviser

This silent but deadly newsletter has been appearing on campus for two volumes and is in its fourth issue this semester.

Though this one page flyer is chock full of a wide variety of articles, many questions remain. Who is the author? How is it getting published? Why are you not writing for *The Rotunda*?

Ipsa Facto, which means "by that very fact, by the fact itself," translated by William Whitaker at www.erols.com, appears to be, in fact, no way factual.

To the best of this author's recollection, President Bush has never visited Longwood University in effort for peace, no commuters who are seemingly enduring on campus withdrawal, and no students running around in "Unaffiliated" t-shirts.

The author, known only to readers as "H. Roark," is knowledgeable and humorous.

Are you an English major? Perhaps you are a Communication Studies major. Could you be a Political Science major? This author wonders.

Your top ten list of Oktoberfest questions makes one think. But this author must ponder on such musings on "Rohypnol," "Monkey Pox," and "Klown."

Is this and the newsletter's ponderings on the future of the University really and truly "the long and wood of it?"

This author is interested in knowing whether or not the mysterious Mr. Roark is making any money on "the series of hydraulically operated mechanical arms" that are now in charge of the production of this newsletter.

Was it worth sacrificing complete control of your paper?

And yet, the students of Longwood University wait with baited breath for your next installment. Are you getting

feedback at your Hotmail address?

Who is the author of the "Sunchase Monolith?" Why do you give free advertising to the Fox Network and Tide?

Are you one who lives as if tomorrow will expire and learns as if you are always alive?

Will you next attack the loss of Boston to New York for the World Series Playoffs? Are you a sports fan?

What year are you? What are your interests? Will you be printing up your next installment soon?

So many are left to wonder as they walk through these hallowed halls whether or not they will look up and see the latest edition.

Most students can count on *The Rotunda*, but can they count on you Mr. Roark?

But this author will pose a final question: If you reveal yourself, would you be as interesting? We'll see.

Kent Booty
LU Public Relations

Lieutenant General Samuel V. Wilson of nearby Rice, once the nation's top military intelligence officer, will speak on "American Foreign Policy in the Age of Terrorism" on Monday, November 10, at 7 p.m. in Longwood University's Wygal Auditorium.

General Wilson was director of the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) in 1976-77 just before retiring from active military service following a distinguished 37-year career, and he held two separate deputy directorships for the DIA in 1973-74.

He was deputy to the director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) for the Intelligence Community in 1974-76. A Russian speaker and expert on the former Soviet Union, he was U.S. defense attaché in Moscow in the early 1970s.

In his military career, during which he rose from infantry private to lieutenant general, General

Wilson spent half of his time in intelligence and half in special operations.

A highly decorated World War II veteran, he fought with the fabled "Merrill's Marauders" in the North Burma campaign in 1944.

He traveled extensively throughout the former Soviet Union and other Iron Curtain countries in the late 1940s and 1950s with the State Department's Diplomatic Pouch and Courier Service; he was an official interpreter in Berlin, Potsdam and Vienna and a liaison with Soviet armed forces in the former East Germany and Austria. General Wilson, a native of Rice, was president of Hampden-Sydney College from 1992 until retiring in 2000.

He is the college's President Emeritus and Wheat Visiting Professor in Leadership. He served on Longwood's Board of Visitors from 1983 to 1987.

His talk is part of Longwood's celebration of International Awareness Week.

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Calendar

October 24- 30, 2003

Friday
24

LP Movie
Legally Blond II
ABC Rooms
7:30 p.m.

Saturday
25

Field Hockey
@Shippensburg (P.A.)
Noon

'80s Night
Mulligan's
9 p.m.

Sunday
26

Women's Soccer
vs. VMI
.5 p.m.

Gyre Meeting
Charlotte Room
6 p.m.

Klezmer Band
Lankford Ballroom
7 p.m.

Monday
27

Field Hockey
vs. Roanoke
3 p.m.

Mock Honor Board Meeting
Lankford Ballroom
7 p.m.

Outdoor Club
Lancer 208
7 p.m.

Tuesday
28

Will Cheating Hurt Your Career?
Hiner 207
3:30- 4:30 p.m.

SGA Meeting
Lankford ABC Rooms
3:45 p.m.

LP Comedy/Novelty Committee Meeting
Charlotte Room
8 p.m.

W.I.L.L. Meeting
TBA
9:15 p.m.

Wednesday
29

Women's Soccer
vs. Virginia-Wesleyan
6 p.m.

"Open Expressions"
Open Mike Night/CAA Meeting
Java Hut
7:30 p.m.

Martial Arts Club
Tabb Wrestling Room
7:30- 9:30 p.m.

LP Traditions Meeting
Nottoway Room
8 p.m.

Dr. Jordan's Ghost Stories
Grand Dining Room
8- 9 p.m.

WMLU Meeting
Hiner 207
9 p.m.

Hay Rides
Wygal Parking Lot
9- 11 p.m.

Bonfire
Wygal Parking Lot
9- 11 p.m.

Thursday
30

Baptist Student Union
Behind Stubbs
5:15 p.m.

Men's Soccer
vs. Lynchburg
7 p.m.

Unity Alliance
Grainger G16
8 p.m.

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship
Hull Auditorium
8:30 p.m.

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My Two Cents: Relationships Gone Awry

Willard Vaughn
Opinion Editor

This is a busy time of the year for me, so I decided this week to visit one of the many advice websites and answer some of the questions.

From user *Chica_Power* (www.girlposse.com): Okay I've been dating this guy for 10 months now. But during our relationship I've done stuff to hurt him, for example I kissed another guy, now he doesn't trust me and he doesn't let me do anything he always thinks I am going to hurt him I really just don't know what to do. I love him but I'm not sure which way to go with him.

My Advice: You're doing stuff to hurt him because you're bored with him and you don't have enough intestinal

fortitude to dump him. Move on with your life and let him do the same.

From user H (www.consciousloving.com): My girlfriend and I have been dating for 2 years now. We have confirmed to each other that as soon as the right time comes, we'll get married. However, the reason that this "right time" isn't here is because of our long distance from one another due to college. I thought I could trust her, and I thought that she trusted me, but then about 3 days ago I found out that she cheated on me with a friend from school over 4 months ago. She claims that she felt neglected by me, and that she was angry at me because she thought I was having "a lot of fun" at my college, so she wanted to get back at me. At the same time she also

claims that she believed that I would cheat on her, so she was trying to "stay a step ahead of the game" by cheating on me before I cheated on her. She claims that she has no feelings for him whatsoever, but such things are so easy to say just to make amends and there's no way for me to tell whether she's lying to me or not. On top of that, when I pursue this subject, she becomes impatient at me for keep on "digging" it up. Now, we've been in college for 2 years. We only made it official after 1 year of college and neither of us had any interest in anyone else. Yet after we made it official she finally cheated on me. Do you think what she did was really based on what she told me? That she did it out of emotional self-defense?

My advice: Dump the girl

and make her hurt for what she did to you. Find someone that is going to care and respect you for who you are and never mention girl #1's name again.

From unnamed user (www.consciousloving.com): I met a man who I was instantly attracted to both in a physical and a personality way. I made the mistake of falling into bed with him way too soon. At first, he could not get enough of me. He called me several times every day. We spent weekends together as well as a night or two a week. Now, he calls less often and we see each other less often. At first it seemed we could talk. Now, if I try to begin any kind of personal conversation or even try to tell him I love him or other tenderness, he immediately

turns me off. He does not respond in kind. He does not "converse" about any subject it seems except sexual ones. I try to interest him in doing other things, going places, etc. he is not interested. On the other hand, he ACTS as if he cares, gets jealous, etc.

My advice: If you want to keep him as a dance partner, by all means do so. But don't expect anything else out of him because you're not going to get it. If this is too hard to handle, get some therapy.

If you have any relationship, love, or sexuality questions feel free to send them to rotunda@longwood.edu. As always, be careful with each other's hearts; the next one that breaks might be yours.

Ambassador Spotlight: Joan of Arc

Emily Miller
Guest Writer

Joan of Arc was born in 1412 in France and raised on a small farm.

When she was about 13 years old, she began to hear voices. At first the voices told her to behave because God had a special plan for her life.

At this time, England and France had been at war for about 100 years.

When she was 14, the voices told her that she needed to drive the English back off of French lands.

For two years, she studied military science, history, the structure of the church, and French culture.

At age 16 she began to rally with the traditional leaders of the community and was put in charge of a military unit.

Joan and her army began to release the French territories from English control. She was made commander of almost the entire French military.

The English were on the brink of being forced back to their own soil when Joan was betrayed by jealous French officers and captured by the enemy. She was 18.

The English military tried Joan as a witch not as an enemy military commander and she was burned at the stake.

After she was burned, the executioner commanded that the embers be pulled away from the body so everyone could see that

this 'witch' was dead.

When they did this, they noticed that her heart hadn't been burned.

It was doused with oil and burned until the next day when her remains were thrown into a river.

There are two statues of Joan of Arc on campus. One is 'Joanie on the Pony' and it sits in the Colonnades. It was given to the college in 1927.

The other is 'Joanie on the stony' and it used to sit in the Rotunda, but was moved to the dining hall. This was a gift from the class of 1914.

Thanks to Dr. Jordan of the Anthropology Department for providing information.

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Greek Involvement on Longwood's Campus

Shannon Harrison
PR Manager

Greeks make up a large percent of campus organizations, making them leaders in the Longwood Community.

The Greek women's GPA is higher than the overall women's GPA of Longwood.

Once involved in a Sorority or Fraternity students are encouraged to broaden their horizons and give their time and individual talent to campus improvement.

In addition to the executive councils that exist within every Greek organization and the Panhellenic council that consists of all Greeks, they are leaders in many campus organizations.

When referring to a general-

ized group of people it's imperative to put aside stereotypes, but many students have a hard time doing so when it comes to Greeks.

"Joining a sorority opened a lot of doors, I'm now involved in Kappa Delta Pi (The Nationally Recognized Fraternity for Teachers), [and] ODK (The National Leadership Honor Society) and Judicial Board," Ashley Lankey replied, when asked what fraternal life has done for her, that

To show a few ways Greeks strengthen the student body, The Up till Dawn, Executive Board is made up entirely of Greeks and raises money for Saint Jude's Research hospital.

Individually, Greeks sponsor many events around cam-

pus. Philanthropic events are brought to campus by each sorority throughout the year.

For example, the Sigma Kappa's along with Mortar Board put on the Alzheimer's Walk; Zeta Tau Alpha puts on the Bowl-a-Thon to raise money for the Susan B. Komen foundation for breast cancer awareness; Kappa Delta does the Shamrock Run every spring.

The Student Government Association, The Judicial Board, and The Honor Board are all elected positions. Longwood students choose the best leaders to represent the student body in making critical decisions.

The fact that almost half of those that sit on these boards are Greek shows the strength

of our Greek system.

Greeks are often confronted with how Independants are going to embrace Greek-life.

They have to deal with how Independants and administration are going to perceive members of sororities and fraternities who want to be recognized for what they do outside of their sorority or fraternity.

One Independent student stated "when you are not Greek you tend to notice the things Greeks do. They stand out and sometimes it makes you intimidated seeing so many in other organizations."

Another Independent student comments, "Seeing Greeks being active around campus makes me rethink what it's all about being Greek."

By taking the initiative to become involved, the number of Greeks around campus will continue to rise.

Inside the Greek community, there is The Order of the Omega, an Honorary Greek Organization composed of

the leading members of NPHC, IFC, and CPC with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.75.

They put on Greek Week, which is dedicated to service, scholarship, brotherhood/sisterhood, and social enrichment, held the week leading up to Spring Weekend.

Finally, to mention a few outstanding Greeks, the SGA president Mike Smith is a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity, Emily Conkey, Michelle Ash, Dora Teal, Jean-Marie Weaver are just a few of Longwood's Resident Assistant staff, the Editor of *The Rotunda* is a member of Delta Zeta, and many members of S.E.A.L. (Student Educators for Active Leadership) and SAFE (Student Association for a Fearless Environment) are Greeks.

Being Greek is about getting involved and living to be the best you can be, meaning you are not only representing the Greek system but Longwood as a whole.



Paula's "Letters from London" will return next week, the above picture is of her and her hallmates before they headed to the Ministry of Sound, a nightclub in London.

Back L. to R: Visitor, Me, Melanie, Visitor, Cristina, Sarah, and Ellen Front L. to R: Kelly, Claudia

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Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Alcohol Jeopardy 6:00-7:30PM Amelia Room

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Wednesday, October 22, 2003

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6:00-7:30PM Lankford ABC Rooms

Come hear Investigator John Thompson and Chief Charles Lowe talk about drugs in the college environment. They will enlighten you on different drugs and tell you all you ever wondered about and some things you may not have.

Thursday, October 23, 2003

What's your UPI?

6:00-7:30PM Amelia Room

What's a UPI you ask? Well come find out while taking part in a fun and interactive program that deals with alcohol and some pretty interesting situations students seem to find themselves in after a night of partying. BASED ON ACTUAL SITUATIONS SUBMITTED BY LONGWOOD STUDENTS.

CD Review: Atom and His Package

Leslie Smith
News Editor

As for his new CD, *Attention! Blah Blah Blah*, Goren is mixing his punk views with good fun. Track three, "The Palestinians Are Not the Same Thing as the Rebel Alliance, Jackass," tries to send a message across to the listeners about the war, with lyrics like:

"You're so Leftist/You're so pro-peace/you're hate the death penalty/But love it in the Middle East."

Songs like "I, Professional Gambler," "Does Anyone Else in this Room Want to Marry His or Her Own Grandmother?", and "I'm Downright Amazed at What I Can Destroy with Just a Hammer," have more of a satirical twist to them, due to the focus of the songs.

While Goren may not have the most conventional sound, it is definitely a fun CD to try out if you like punk bands like Dead Kennedys or Planet Smashers.

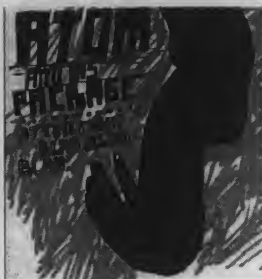
1. Possession

2. Mustache T.V

3. The Palestinians Are Not The Same Thing As The Rebel Alliance, Jackass

4. Does Anyone Else In This Room Want To Marry His or Her Own Grandmother?

5. I, Professional Gambler



6. Out To Everyone

7. Friend, Please Stop Smoking

8. Head With Arms

9. I'm Downright Amazed At What I Can Destroy With Just A Hammer

10. Lying To You

11. Dear Atom, You Do Not Want Children, Love Atom

12. For Aliza, Wherever She May Sleep

13. Matt Werth Speaks

When you listen to Atom and His Package, it may seem like there are many people singing, and maybe even many people in his band.

But, you will be interested to know that he writes, performs, and records all of the music himself with a QY700 Music Sequencer, an RM1X music sequencer, and a B.C. Rich guitar.

A Pennsylvania-native, Adam Goren, aka Atom, has toured internationally, including trails across the entire U.S.A., Canada, Japan, the U.K., Netherlands, Belgium, and Germany.

You can find bumper stickers proclaiming, "My Child is an Honor Student at the Punk Rock Academy" and "Go Metric. Now" at www.atomandhispackage.com.

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Book Review: Dirty Girl's Social Club

Liz Richards
Editor-in-Chief

Alisa Valdes-Rodriguez has penned a masterpiece with her novel, *The Dirty Girl's Social Club*.

Six Latin women who became friends in college are now in their late twenties and are all on the verge of achieving the life they want.

None of the characters are perfect, they are unhappy with their luke warm love lives, and dissatisfied with their jobs.

Each chapter is narrated by one of the six characters, which makes for interesting plot shifts.

Lauren is a columnist for her local paper. Usnavys is looking for a man who can afford her expensive taste. Rebecca is a successful magazine publisher, but is

not as successful with her marriage. Elizabeth, a TV anchor, has a secret that could ruin her career. Sara is a Martha Stuart-esque mother, but is paying a large bundle for her lavish lifestyle. Amber is a musician trying to break into the business.

The six women reconvene every year at their annual "Sucas" meeting (That's "dirty girls" in Spanish).

The book starts out with their meeting at a small restaurant. The women, while very close friends in college, have grown into their own and are now six very different personalities.

No matter what life hands these women, their friendship has endured the test of time.

This book is a perfect read for any woman, and a great gift idea.

Simchah

A Klezmer music experience from UVA will be performing!

Sunday October 26th

7 p.m.

Lankford Ballroom

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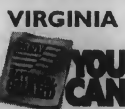
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HOROSCOPES by Sam Wise-Ridges**Tongue in Cheek**

by Ellie Woodruff

Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22)

Keep your panties on. Longwood already has enough of an STD problem.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Stop stealing your grandmothers' panties. Even those aren't big enough to cover your ass.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Close your legs, the environment is polluted enough. Do us all a favor and wear extra panties.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Wash your panties. That last trip to Taco Bell left some tracks.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Relax, don't get your panties in a bunch. It hurts more when you pull out the hairs.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

Chi is watching. I wouldn't run around drunk again this weekend with your panties on your head, or without your panties for that matter.

Aries (Mar. 21-April 19)

Just because you wear a G-string doesn't mean you have to ask guys to floss. Flossing is supposed to remove crusties from your teeth, not add to them.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

It is acceptable to admire your girlfriend's panties, but it is not acceptable to borrow them.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Don't get caught with your panties down- now that would be a full moon.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

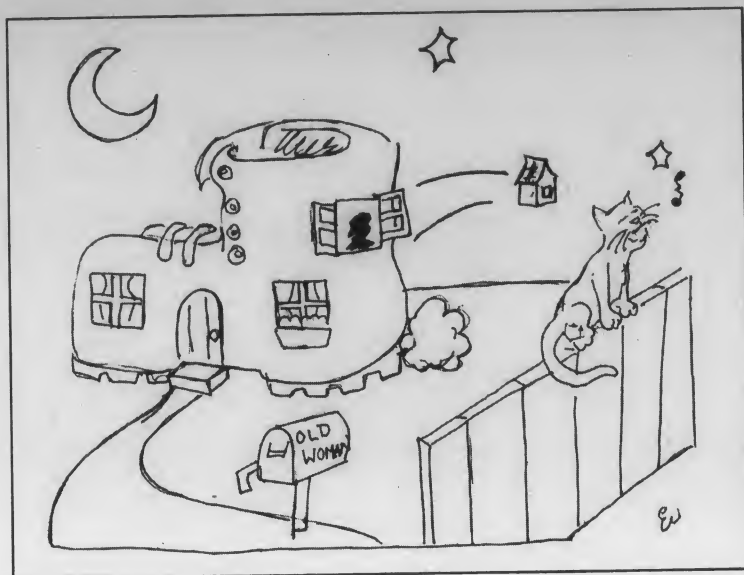
Just because your sign is a crab doesn't mean you have to give them a home in your panties.

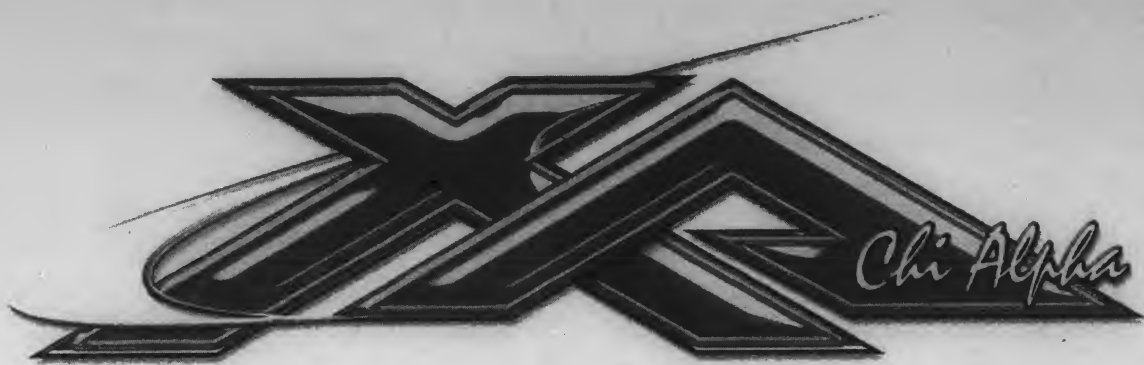
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Shave, there is not enough room left in your panties for your mane.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22)

Your virginal white panties won't fool anyone. You were spotted last week in front of the train.





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Men's Cross Country Finishes Third Year

Sports Information

Longwood University totaled 494 points to finish 15th among 20 teams at the Gettysburg Invitational October 18 in Pennsylvania.

It was the final competition of the season for the Lancers, in their third year of existence under first-year head coach Rich Firth.

At Gettysburg, Longwood was led by freshman Keith Smith/Powhatan (Powhatan) who finished 51st overall among 198 runners with his new school-record time of 28:18 in the 8K race.

Smith was followed by classmate Chris Gibbs/Richmond (L.C. Bird) (30:52, 143rd), senior Greg Harrison/Fairfax (Robinson) (31:33, 151st), freshman Wes Spece/Martinsville (Carlisle) (32:31, 160th), sophomore John Lampkins/Chesapeake (Western Branch) (33:08, 167th), along with freshman Deo Smith/Bridgeport, Conn. (Kolbe Cathedral) (38:30, 195th).

Harrison, Lampkins, and Deo Smith also ran personal-best 8K times.

Through the seven competitions, Keith Smith posted team-

best 8K and 6K times for Longwood with his school-record efforts of 28:18 and 22:14, respectively.

Other season-best times (8K, 6K) include Gibbs (30:40, 23:10), Harrison (31:33, 25:02), Spece (31:54), sophomore Joel Burkett/Chesterfield (Manchester) (31:56), Lampkins (33:08, 24:35), and Deo Smith (38:30, 28:35).

The Lancers had one top five team finish this fall; their best team effort in the three years, among five top 10 team finishes overall.

Longwood could return as many as six letterwinners for the 2004 campaign.

Men's Golf Establishes New School Record

Sports Information

Longwood University established a new school-record scoring total for 54-holes of 291-277-289-857 to finish fifth among 14 teams at the Tennessee-Chattanooga/Sonic Intercollegiate October 13-14 in Tennessee.

NCAA Division I Jacksonville State University won the event with its 832 total at the 6,149-yard, par 71 Signal Mountain Country Club.

The Lancers, the only non-Division I team in the tournament, set new team scoring records for 18 (277), 36 (568), and 54 (857) holes.

Longwood will conclude its fall season October 20-21 at the East Carolina Invitational in North Carolina.

In Tennessee, Longwood was led by sophomore Michael Joyce/Peterborough, Ontario

(Peterborough Collegiate) with his one-under par 68-70-74-212 to finish in a tie for 12th-place individually among the 76 golfers.

Joyce's 212 total is also a new school-record for 54-holes. Joyce was followed by junior Trey Deal/Martinsville (Martinsville) (72-69-73-214, t-20th), sophomore Kevin Johnson/Forest (Jefferson Forest) (74-69-72-215, t-25th), freshman Brett Chambers/Mount Sidney (Fort Defiance) (77-69-70-216, t-27th), along with senior Matt Paciocco/Richmond (Mills Godwin) (80-71-80-231, t-68th).

Longwood, coached by Kevin Fillman, has enjoyed an outstanding fall through three tournaments (144 holes), led by first-year standout Chambers who has posted a low scoring average of 71.38 with two school-record rounds

of 66.

Chambers is followed by Joyce (72.88, 68), Deal (73.75, 69), Johnson (71.67, 69, 54-holes), freshman Chris Shuford/Fredericksburg (Colonial Forge) (75.00, 74, 36-holes), senior Carl Magnusson/Linkoping, Sweden (Katedralskolan) (75.67, 75, 54-holes), Paciocco (77.00, 71, 108-holes), along with senior Mike Nemcosky/Chesapeake (Great Bridge) (79.00, 77, 36-holes).

The Lancers are averaging 291.63 as a team, a scoring pace that would also set a new team record.

Longwood is scheduled to open its spring campaign March 8-9, 2004 at the Butler/North-South Intercollegiate in Jacksonville Beach, Fla., a 36-hole event at the Jacksonville Beach Golf Club.

Women's Golf Team Finishes 7th

Sports Information

The Longwood University women's golf team shot a final round of 314 this afternoon to capture seventh place (308-302-314=924) out of 17 teams at the East Carolina Fall Intercollegiate October 13-14.

Mississippi State snapped East Carolina's two year winning streak at the tournament with a team

score of 894.

Longwood was led by junior Tiffany Woodyer (Braunton, North Devon, England/ Millfield School) who took 18th place (72-77-77=226).

Woodyer was followed by sophomore Stephanie Hicks (Bumpass, Va./Louisa County) (73-75-79=227, t-19th), junior Amanda Diamond (Leesburg, Va./ Potomac Falls) (82-74-

78=234, t-39th), junior Tucker McCarthy (Richmond, Va./ Douglas Freeman) (81-78-80=239, t-62nd) and senior Mary Milage (Ennismore, Ontario, Canada/St. Peter's Secondary) (83-76-81=240, t-67th).

The Lancers conclude their fall tournament schedule at the FIU/Pat Bradley Intercollegiate October 21-November 2 in Miami, Fla.

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Women's Cross Country

Sports Information

Longwood University totaled 305 points to finish 12th among 19 teams at the Gettysburg Invitational October 18 in Pennsylvania.

It was the final competition of the season for the Lancers, in their third year of existence under first-year head coach Rich Firth.

At Gettysburg, Longwood was led by junior Lynette Robinson/Mineral (Louisa Co) who finished 36th overall among 191 runners with her time of 25:25 in the 6K race.

Robinson was followed by senior Kristel Moser/Roanoke (Northside) (25:35, 42nd), along with juniors Jessica Walton/Williamsburg (Jamestown) (26:09, 58th), T i f f a n y Denby/Charlottesville (Monticello) (27:12, 90th), and Holly Miller/Newport

News (Woodside) (28:25, 130th). Robinson and Moser each ran personal-best 6K times.

Through the seven competitions, Walton posted team-best 5K and 6K times for Longwood with her individual race-winning efforts of 20:41 and 24:43, respectively.

Other season-best times (5K, 6K) include Robinson (20:43, 25:25), Denby (21:39, 26:52), Moser (21:46, 25:35), Miller (23:21, 27:54), graduate student Theresa Bridge/Farmville (Prince Edward Co.) (24:11), and senior Leslie Lineberry/Glen Allen (Hermitage) (26:26).

The Lancers won two races this fall among five top five team finishes, including their first Virginia Division II-III State Championship, and had six top 10 team finishes overall.

Longwood could return as many as four letterwinners for the 2004 campaign.

Rick Blanc Joins Baseball Program; Doug Thibault Joins Men's Basketball Program

Sports Information

Longwood University Athletics has announced the appointment of two new assistant coaches at the institution. Rick Blanc is the new assistant coach for baseball; and Doug Thibault is a new volunteer assistant for men's basketball.

These latest coaching appointments coincide with Longwood's current four-year reclassification period toward NCAA Division I certification in 2007 as part of an overall strategic plan to raise the visibility and profile of the University.

"We have selected Coach Blanc from a sizeable number of applicants, and we feel that he is an excellent choice as we move to Division I," said veteran baseball head coach Buddy Bolding. "His strong pitching background in both collegiate and professional baseball as both a player and coach will serve Longwood Baseball very well."

"He is a diligent worker, a long-

hour man, and is just what I have been looking for.

"His youthful enthusiasm, resourcefulness, sophistication, modern approach to recruiting and player development, and my get down and dirty old school style should make for a fine coaching team."

"Moreover, Coach Blanc is scholarly, emotionally mature beyond his years and, like me he likes to win & better than that, he doesn't like to lose," he added. "I look forward to building a successful Division I baseball program with Coach Blanc standing between the lines with me on Lancer Field."

Blanc has served as a pitching coach for the Chillicothe Paints of the Independent Frontier League since April 2002.

He was responsible for the pitching staff with the Paints while developing the running program and bullpen workouts as well as assisting in player recruitment and signings.

Blanc played for Chillicothe

from 1998-2002, earning IFL Pitcher of the Year honors in 2001 with a 13-1 record, and was a two-time IFL All-Star (2001, 2002).

The two-time team MVP (2001, 2002) posted a five-year career record of 28-14 with a 3.80 ERA and 12 saves with the Paints.

Blanc also has previous coaching experience at Adrian (Mich.) College (2001-02) and Sylvania (Ohio) Southview High School (1998-03), and has worked as a scout and consultant for Premier Scouting Service in Ohio since 1998.

"This is a very exciting time for Longwood University Athletics and I am very excited to have the opportunity to be here," said Blanc. "I am looking forward to working with and learning from Coach Bolding. The Longwood baseball program has a strong history and I see it getting even stronger with the move to Division I."

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NFL Update: Week 7

Pat Sullivan
Staff Writer

If one thing is certain it is that nothing is certain in the NFL anymore!

Another thing people should realize by now, the Chiefs and the Vikings are looking like actual Super Bowl contenders.

After Stephen Davis and the Panthers got the first notch in the 'L' column courtesy of the Titans, Minnesota and Kansas City are last unbeaten in the league.

In a week many expected them to get their first loss, the Vikings pulled one out against a banged up Broncos team.

The other undefeated team, Kansas City, was one yard away from what could have been a Monday Night head-banger against their bitter rivals, the Oakland Raiders. Could a Vikings vs. Chiefs Super Bowl be leering around the corner? Naw... well maybe, anything could happen now a days!

Speaking of anything happening, the Jets have actually put two wins together after defeating the

Texans and are getting Chad Pettington back. Last year they were under similar circumstances and made the playoffs, could some déjà vu pop-up?

On the other side of the east coast New England finally managed to win in Miami while another Florida native, Tampa Bay, suffered similar results in San Fran.

In the NFC East, the Redskins continue to fall after a loss to the Bills, while somehow, ::cough:: Bill Parcells ::cough::, the Cowboys continue to gain ground after a complete beat down on the Lions.

The struggling Eagles were able to move in right behind the Cowboys after edging the Giants.

Marvin Lewis's Bengals scored a victory against his old team, the Ravens, but its Baltimore who may have the last laugh, as they are still number one in the AFC North.

At least some things are still certain, the Bears can still

See NFL p. 18

Men's Tennis Makes Records

Sports Information

Longwood University participated in the Old Point National Bank ITA Invitational in Newport News October 17-19.

The predominantly NCAA Division I event was of singles and doubles format only with no team scores, and was the final competition of the fall for the Lancers.

Sophomore Diego Quiros/Quesada, Costa Rica (Maria Inmaculada) led Longwood with his 3-2 singles record in Flight C as he reached the consolation finals before falling 8-3 to an opponent from the University of Richmond.

Others competing in singles included senior Garrett Green/Fredericksburg (Stafford) (2-2, Flight D), sophomore Justin Dorsk/Virginia Beach (Kempville) (1-1, Flight D), freshman Rashko Patnikov/Bankya, Bulgaria (Smirrenski) (1-2, Flight A), sophomore Dan

Conte/Midlothian (Monacan) (0-1, Flight D), along with junior Chris Newman/Chesapeake (Hickory) (0-2, Flight A) and sophomore Ian Young/Bowie, Md. (Eleanor Roosevelt) (0-2, Flight B).

In doubles, Quiros and Young led the Lancers with their 1-1 record in Flight C, followed by Patnikov and Newman (0-1, Flight A) along with Green and Dorsk (0-1, Flight D).

Through two fall tournaments, Patnikov led Longwood with his 3-3 record in singles.

Other records included Quiros (3-5), Green (2-2), Dorsk (1-1), Newman (1-4), Conte (0-1), and Young (0-5). In doubles, Patnikov and Newman were 1-3, followed by Quiros and Young (1-4), along with Green and Dorsk (0-1).

Longwood is scheduled to open its spring campaign February 21, 2004, hosting Augusta State University at the Lancer Courts.

Take Back the Night

Tuesday October 28th
9 p.m.
Student Union Ballroom

Community Advocacy Alliance would like to congratulate its new members:

Mary Dickerson, Jamie Fletcher, Chelsea Higgs, Dana Kavanagh, Don Butler, Dave Barciz, Dana Barr, Eric Marsteller, and Adrienne Hampton!

CAA is committed to creating an alliance of persons who seek to fundamentally change the environment of support for those who experience discrimination or prejudice. Contact Jenn Dize (jmdize@longwood.edu) or Jessica Smith (jtsmith@longwood.edu) for more information.

Women's Field Hockey Season Comes to a Close

Sports Information

The Longwood University field hockey squad took on third-ranked Lock Haven and Mansfield on the road this weekend.

At Lock Haven, the Lady Eagles appeared on the board at the 34:05 mark of the first half when Megan Kurtz scored on a penalty shot.

Lock Haven held the 1-0 advantage going in to the break. Lady Eagle Sarah Huber scored twice in the second period along with Courtney Hughes to give the Lady Eagles a 4-0 lead.

With 52 seconds left in the game, Longwood junior Lorrie Watts (Fredericksburg, Va./Stafford) put in the Lancers' lone goal off an assist from freshman Jen Hawkins (Virginia Beach, Va./Cox), but it wasn't enough as the Lady Eagles defeated the Lancers 4-1.

Watts led Longwood with four shots, while Marina Sizow (Virginia Beach, Va./Kempsville), Shannon Ratte

(Virginia Beach, Va./Kempsville) and Katy Lernihan (Fredericksburg, Va./Chancellor) had one shot each.

Lancer keeper Julie Patterson (Esmont, Va./Monticello) tallied her best performance in net this season with 25 saves.

The Lady Eagles split time in net between Melissa Stubblefield (64 min., 3 saves, 0 GA) and Megan Barclay (6 min., 2 saves, 1 GA).

At Mansfield, Longwood doubled-up on the Mountaineers 6-3 at Spaulding Field.

Hawkins put Longwood on the board at the 16 minute mark of the first half off a cross from sophomore midfielder Julie Price (Stafford, Va./North Stafford).

Hawkins then set up a pass to Watts for the Lancers' next goal. Sophomore forward Echo Naugle (Virginia Beach, Va./Princess Anne) sent one in at the 8:56 mark off a pass

from Watts and scored again two minutes later off another Hawkins' assist.

Mansfield got on the board before the end of the half, making the score 4-1 going into the break.

Naugle put another one in at the beginning of the second period, getting her first hat trick of the season.

The Mountaineers would score two more times, but it wasn't enough as freshman defender Katie Murphy (Virginia Beach, Va./Princess Anne) sealed the victory scoring with 17:33 left in the game.

The Lancers held a 23-19 advantage on shots, while Mansfield controlled the penalty corners 17-5.

Longwood's defensive efforts from senior midfielder Erin Sixsmith (Alexandria, Va./West Potomac), Ratte and Sizow also contributed to the Lancer win.

The Lancers will take on top-ranked Shippensburg October 25 at 3 p.m., then return to face

Roanoke October 27 at 3 p.m.

With only three games, Longwood continues to put up a balanced scoring attack with 11 Lancers having found the back of the net this season.

After her hat-trick performance on Sunday, Naugle comes off the bench to lead the Lancers with seven goals on 22 shots (.318).

Hawkins, Price, Watts and sophomore midfielder Alexis Ramey (Westminster, Calif./Marina) have five goals each while Lernihan and senior Andrea Wilkinson (Chantilly, Va./Chantilly) have three.

Watts, who is currently ranked second nationally in assists per game (.860), has seven on the season, followed by Sixsmith with six and Hawkins and sophomore Sarah Hitchings (Virginia Beach, Va./Kempsville) with three.

In goal, Patterson ranks fifth nationally in saves this season with 162 stops in 1,080 minutes and has a saves percentage of .779.

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shirt freshman Stacy Crites/Mansassas (Osbourne) (1 goal, 0.18) with two points each. Naill has played 922 minutes in front of the net, allowing nine goals (0.88) with 41 saves for an .880 save percentage with six shutouts.

Naill, with 24 career shutouts, ranks second all-time for the Lancers (Amy Kennedy, 25, 1997-00).

Storrie has played 336 minutes in front of the net, allowing eight goals (2.14) with 17 saves for a .680 save percentage with one shutout, and freshman keeper Nicole Bossieux/Mechanicsville (Atlee) has played 24 minutes in front of the net, allowing no goals (0.00).

Following the Howard contest, Longwood returns home to Lancer Field for its final two matches of the season.

The Lancers will host Division I Virginia Military Institute October 26 at 5 p.m. before closing the campaign against Division III Virginia Wesleyan College October 29 at 6 p.m. during Senior Night.

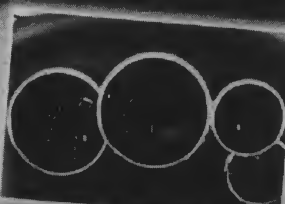
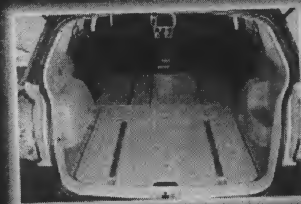
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Yankees/Marlins Match-up May Be the Best of the Year

Shannon Harrison
PR Manager

As the opening pitch from David Wells screamed across the plate Saturday night, it was evident the 2003 World Series would be one of the best in Major League history.

Brought by brilliance and sheer talent, the Yankees and Marlins met this weekend to scuffle out game one and ultimately earn the title of world champions.

Both teams, clearly dominating their conferences in league play, were conscious they had the capability of earning bids to the World Series.

The Yankees, power-housing the American League with a solid pitching staff and the depth of a strong bullpen, showed fans and teams abroad that steady pitching followed by a proficient offense could produce a game-winning

season.

They took the Boston Red Sox to seven games in the ALCS (American League Conference Series), and prevailed with a game winning home run by Aaron Boone.

This win gave the Yankees the American League Pennant and an opportunity to host game 1 of the 2003 World Series.

On the contrary, the Florida Marlins proved to the world that a dominant, run-driving offense accompanied by a steady defense could prevail in season play.

Facing elimination in the NLCS (National League Conference Series), the Florida Marlins came back from a 3 game to 1 deficit to overcome the Chicago Cubs.

This included a long eight-run-scoring inning, late in game 6, to bring the Marlins back and later win the National League Pennant.

With such diversity in both clubs, this seven-game series could prove to be the number one sporting event of the year.

Both teams have earned their spots in the world championship on virtually complete opposite tangents.

This would not only create a series of suspense and hard-played baseball, but also give viewers an aspect on different techniques of management.

To catch a glimpse of the series yourself, you can tune into your local FOX television station at the following scheduled dates: Game 4 Wednesday, October 22nd (at Florida); Game 5 Thursday, October 23rd (at Florida); Game 6 (if necessary) Saturday, October 25th (at New York); and Game 7 (if necessary) Sunday, October 26th (at New York). This is definitely a series worth watching and a must-see for sport-lovers abroad.

Women's Soccer Player Phoebe Munson: Record Breaker 2003

Kelly Fischer
Staff Writer

In Longwood University's book of records, a new name, Phoebe Munson, will be added.

This Longwood senior broke the record for Career Goals for a Longwood woman soccer player on Saturday October 18, 2003 at a game against High Point University held on Lancer Field.

The previous career record of 44 goals was held by Erin Hirschi (1997-00).

Munson broke that record by making her 45th career goal in the second half of the game against High Point University on Saturday.

Munson broke away with the ball and beat the keeper from HPU to finish with the record-breaking goal.

When asked about her thoughts on her accomplishment, she stated, "I feel like I accomplished one of my goals. Going into this 2003 Fall season I was determined to break the record. We have 3 more games, I am hoping to score more for the record to be unbeatable for a little while."

With that kind of confidence it's not hard to see how Phoebe has also received other recognitions.

Munson spoke about her career at Longwood and said, "Career playing at Longwood has been awesome. I've started every game since freshman year; we won the CVAC (Carolinas-Virginia Athletic Conference) the last possible season we could, last fall. Not only did I come out first place with my team, I was also named

CVAC tournament MVP. Throughout the years, I've been very blessed to receive many honors and awards."

Phoebe Munson hails from Virginia Beach and attended Tallwood High School.

Her plans after graduation from Longwood in May 2003 are undecided as of now.

She quickly says, "Though traveling is definitely in the books!"

When asked for some comments on soccer in general Munson quotes, with emotion, her Longwood soccer coach, Coach Dyer. "Somewhere behind the athlete you've become, and the hours of practice, and the coaches who pushed you, is the little boy/girl who fell in love with the game, and never looked back. Play for him/her."

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A native of Sylvania, Ohio, Blanc earned his bachelor of science degree in technology from Bowling Green State University in 1998 where he was a starting pitcher and led the Division I Falcons to the 1998 NCAA Tournament and Mid-American Conference championship.

Thibault previously was the head men's basketball coach at Jamestown Community College in Olean, N.Y. during 2001-02.

He has also been an assistant coach at North Idaho College (2000-01), Howard (Texas) College (1999-2000), Washington (Tenn.) College Academy Prep School (1998-99), and at Treasure Valley (Ore.) Community College (1994-98).

Thibault has worked numerous summer camps and coaching activities at Gonzaga University, Eastern Washington University, Furman University, Wake Forest University, Oregon State

University, Western Washington University, the University of Oregon, Southern Utah University, and with the Portland Trailblazers of the NBA.

"I am very pleased to have Doug Thibault join our coaching staff," stated men's basketball head coach Mike Gillian. "It says a lot about the progress our basketball program has made in a short period of time to have someone of Doug's ability and character join us in this position."

He brings fantastic experience with him to Longwood, having been involved in basketball at many different levels over the past eight years.

"I know Doug to be a hard working and dedicated professional who will share in the commitment we have made to being a successful Division I basketball program."

A native of Eagle Point, Ore., Thibault earned his bachelor of science degree in political science from Boise State University in 1998.

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snatch defeat from the jaws of victory as they did against the Seahawks.

Brett Favre still struggles in domes, especially when his Packers are facing the Rams. No Vick for Atlanta, No Vick-tory for Atlanta, no surprise to anyone, especially New Orleans.

With all this parody going on in the world, at least one thing is safe to say, "the Cardinals still

suck."

Player of the Week: The New LT (LaDainian Tomlinson)! Rushed for 200 yards caught for 21 more and broke a 70 plus yard run for the first game winner for Marty and The Chargers this year against the Browns.

Tell Me When: ...will Andy Reid and Donovan McNabb shallow their pride and start an Eagle quarterback who doesn't have a sprained thumb... and complete more than 9 passes for 64 yards.

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'Under God' Under Fire

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The pledge of allegiance case, which will be heard by the Supreme Court without conservative Justice Antonin Scalia next year, will bring forth not only questions of the constitutionality of the phrase "under God" in the pledge, but also the issue of legal standing.

The case, brought forth by atheist Michael Newdow, argues that his right as a parent is being infringed upon when his 9-year-old daughter is forced to accept others' religious beliefs by reciting the pledge every day in school.

Reviewed by the 9th Circuit, the San Francisco-based liberal federal appeals court ruled that the public schools' reciting the pledge's phrase "under God" was unconstitutional. However, the 9th Circuit's decisions are often over ruled by the more conservative Supreme Court.

Acting as his own lawyer, Newdow faces two key questions before the court: whether he had legal standing at the time the case was filed and whether or not the school policy that says teachers are "required to lead willing students" in the pledge is constitutional.

"The father is asserting that he is entitled to the upbringing of his daughter and what she is exposed to at school," said Steve Wermiel, Professor of Constitutional Law at American University. "The pledge is preventing him from shaping her religious beliefs but that may not survive the question of standing."

"They may throw out the case based on this alone without saying anything about the law," he said.

Newdow has recently gained legal custody of his daughter. However, there are reports that his daughter does not object to the pledge at all.

"The problem is whether the father, at the time of filing, actually was an injured party because at the time of the filing he did not have legal custody. But he isn't asserting [his daughter's] rights, he's raising his own," said Wermiel.

While the first issue of stand-

ing may end the case without comment on the school board's policy, the courts framing of the second point reframes the argument in terms of "willing students."

"While the 9th Circuit ruling had a plausible basis, by emphasizing the school board policy, the court skewed the issue. Part of the Supreme Court's rationale is to protect the center and focus on willing students because the only objector seems to be Mr. Newdow," said Case Western Reserve law Professor Jonathan Entin.

Adding another layer to the case, Justice Antonin Scalia has recused himself from hearing the case, offering no explanation, as is custom with the court. This absence opens up the possibility of a 4-4 split, which would allow the 9th Circuit ruling to stand.

"I really don't think he needed to recuse himself. I guess we don't want justices to comment on pending cases, but there is nothing that Justice Scalia said that would come as a surprise to anyone based on his work and other speeches on church-state related issues," said Wermiel.

Entin agreed. "He made a comment off the bench, but justices, in opinions, often indicate their feelings on things. His comments were probably ill advised, but had he made them in an opinion he might have had to recuse himself," he said.

Newdow had filed papers on September 9 with the court asking Scalia to remove himself citing that he violated the code of conduct for United States judges that states, "Judges should avoid public comment on the merits of a pending or impending action." This came from comments Scalia made on the case at a January Religious Freedom Day rally in Fredericksburg, VA.

"I think in this case we must ask what impact it will have on our civic life if it ends in a 4-4 tie. Meaning, is there a greater harm that Justice Scalia may have bias than if we had a definite answer. Some may say yes, but I think the question needs to be asked," said Wermiel.

The case, Elk Ridge Unified School District v. Newdow, will be heard early next year.

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The "sneak and peak" amendment (Section 213 of USAPA) allows delayed notification of search warrants.

Of course, as with most all instances, officials are required to have a warrant of some sort before they enter a suspect's premises.

For purposes of this article, I will limit the explanation to phone taps, although a major intention of the act was to extend the privacy protections that related to phone use to the internet (i.e. officials had to obtain a Wiretap or Pen Warrant for internet communications interception).

Under 213 an official is allowed to enter into one's premises and tap the phone without letting the suspect know about it for a "reasonable" amount of time.

On the face of it, the amendment does seem far-reaching, but is all too reasonable when applied to a practical case.

There is no way a terror suspect would continue to talk on the phone after officials notified him of the tap.

This section was upheld prior to its codification in *Katz v United States*.

The court ruled: "Officers need not announce their purpose

before conducting an otherwise authorized search if such an announcement would provoke the escape of the suspect or destruction of critical evidence." Section 206 of the Patriot Act makes a provision for "roving wiretaps" to be used in terrorist cases.

Roving wiretaps have been used for years to allow officials to monitor an individual who changes phones instead of having to acquire a warrant for every phone number a suspect may use.

The Electronic Communications Privacy Act of 1986 and the *United States v Petti* both made allowances for such a method.

Section 215 is the Business Records Provision, which allows investigators to obtain documents related to terrorist activities including, in theory, documents from libraries.

Grand juries have always been able to subpoena records if they are relevant to a criminal investigation, now counter-terrorism officials can use it.

Aside from that, privacy cases have been decided on the basis of whether or not the accused had a "reasonable expectation of privacy."

Does a computer user in a library have a reasonable expectation of privacy?

Not if checking out library

books or web surfing is revealed to a third party.

Courts have repeatedly denied fourth-amendment protection to individuals who willingly submit private information to third parties.

This section would allow investigators to obtain information from flight training schools if there is a suspicion that terrorists had used such a school to train for terror acts.

Although the Justice Department and other officials could subpoena records from the library to see who read *Catcher in the Rye* in 1993, it's not very likely they will, let alone, whether a judge would issue a warrant for such a request.

While there are many other sections of the law, the aforementioned are ones that have received the most media attention, even though most of their mention was in passing.

Mainstream media outlets have failed to inform people of the details of the law.

While violations are possible (as violations are possible with all laws) the chance of such intrusions are not probable.

As always the validity of law should be judged in the context of justice by fair, balanced, and judicious minds.

Hyperbole can be relegated to network news.

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But this bothers me on an entirely different level as well.

Are other organizations on campus as uncooperative?

Do not all campus organizations exist to serve the campus community and to provide the students with an opportunity to get involved?

Do not all these organizations exist for the betterment of Longwood?

I think so, but apparently there are organizations that disagree with me.

For example, Lancer

Productions and WMLU 91.3 have been feuding for years about Oktoberfest and Spring Weekend and who can provide better entertainment.

Could not Lancer Productions (which is appropriated well over \$100,000 yearly) and WMLU (which is appropriated somewhere between \$50,000 and \$70,000 a year) work together to make one kick-ass weekend?

That remains to be seen.

Perhaps one of the goals of this new "University" concept, should be for campus organizations, both Greek and non-

Greek, to work together for the common good of bettering Longwood.


This would not only foster a sense of community that the administration has been trying for years to create, but it would make the entire campus infrastructure work more efficiently, which would bolster student satisfaction.

Maybe then, we would have this thing called school spirit, which seems to be seriously lacking at our institution.

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Take Back the Night

Stephanie Riggsby
Week Advisor

Somewhere in America, every two minutes, someone is sexually assaulted, according to Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network, (www.rainn.org).

According to the crime statistics for 2002, Longwood University recorded six total sexual offenses.

On Tuesday, October 28, S.A.F.E. presented its annual "Take Back the Night," an open forum in which students can share their stories of abuse and assault with others.

The forum opened with a slide show, including statistics such as one in four women and one in seven men will be the victims of sexual assault in their lifetime and ten percent of all acquaintance rapes occur on actual dates.

A pensive audience waited to hear from the many survivors who had prepared remarks.

Dr. Richard Chassey, Director of the Honor/Judicial board, stated that there was a committee currently in place to reexamine the current policies held by the boards.

Chassey encouraged anyone with questions or comments to please call him at his extension, x2490.

The first speakers, Lindsay and Kelli Tuck, bravely shared their stories of abuse by a man they knew.

Lindsay, abused at age 16, stated that people told her "[the abuse] would make her stronger" and "no matter how much time passes [the pain]... it's still there."

Lindsay urged everyone in the audience to believe "you're not alone and it's not too late to take back the night."

Kelli, her sister, said that adults usually knew better and "when something happens, don't question it."

Jenn Dize, who was abused by

her father, followed the Tuck sisters.

She stated her recovery was "something I decided to make happen."

While growing up she had "little to no confidence." She also stated, "I knew, though, if I did tell, there would be hell to pay."

Holly Weiss related her heart-breaking story of forcible assault by a young man that she had been seeing.

She walked to the podium, looked out at the audience and said, "I want people to know what happened to me, so they won't be as naïve as I was."

She recounted her story of meeting this young man, getting close to him, and how he assaulted her.

She later told the audience that after many days of soul searching, she came upon the RAINN web page, realized what had happened to her and said, "I wanted to know how he could sleep at night, because I couldn't."

Though she pressed charges, they were later withdrawn.

Jenn Knob, one of the last speakers of the evening, spoke of love gone terribly wrong.

She told her story, which began with verbal abuse, saying, "It's not a big deal because he loves me."

Verbal abuse led to physical abuse.

On her Senior Skip Day, the young man brutally took her virginity, but Jenn justified this by thinking, "It's OK, he's allowed to do this, he's my boyfriend."

She told the audience that this was her third year of "Take Back the Night," and told the audience "I encourage you to take back the night."

Earlier that afternoon, Dr. Tim Pierson and Chief Charles Lowe were interviewed for their input on the evening's upcoming event.

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Dr. Don Merkle and Peyton Wall work to remove a sticker from the snake found in Peyton's playroom recently.

Catch the Spirit: Dr. Merkle the Snake Expert

Jennifer Wall
Office of Public Relations

When Peyton Wall, age 8, ran up the stairs for bed she saw what she thought was her little brother's rubber snake.

Having not seen this "toy" before, she picked it up.

A split second later, Peyton was shrieking to the top of her lungs, "Mommy, I picked up a real snake and it hissed at me!"

There on the upstairs playroom floor was a real 14-inch snake.

It could not slither; however, its middle and tail tip were stuck to a sticker that Peyton's brother, Guy, had left on the floor sticky side up.

"Do I have more snakes in my home? Where did the snake come from? Is the snake a copperhead?" These were the questions that "Mommy" needed to have answered.

Who do you call?

Do we have a snake buster?

Longwood University's Dr. Don Merkle came to mind.

After getting up close and personal with our uninvited guest, Dr. Merkle assured Peyton Wall that the snake was harmless, a rat snake.

In the snake's attempt to catch a bird it had probably fallen off a tree limb on to the roof of her home.

Since the home is warmer than the outdoors, it found an opening and decided to look around for some mice, and voilà, it got caught by a sticker.

Dr. Merkle has been a member of the Department of Natural Sciences since 1975.

His research interests include the population genetics of natural populations, especially amphibians and reptiles.

Studies conducted at Longwood include the population genetics of Virginia populations of the Cottonmouth Water Moccasin *Agkistrodon piscivorus*.

He is currently working on hybridizing diploid spider and unusual form daylilies, and chemically converting them to tetraploids.

Dr. Don Merkle took his first herpetology course at the Dayton Museum of Natural History when he was 10 years old and helped teach that course in following years.

He entered the University of Dayton where he completed a B.S. in biology and then a M.S. in biology.

While at U.D. he was in charge of the Comparative Anatomy Lab and worked with the U.S. Air Force at Wright Patterson Air Force Base doing research on primate anatomy.

His efforts helped lead to the redesign of the seats used in jet fighters and reduced the number of spinal cord injuries occurring in fighter pilots as they ejected.

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Words From the Editor



Our generation has come up with some interesting ways to describe ourselves, my favorite being the AIM profiles.

A few quotes on one's profile can identify the type of personality, likes and dislikes, organizations, etc. that are behind the screen name.

Original poems, quotes from great thinkers may lead others to believe that this person is an intellect, while

quotes like "eat my shorts" may cause people to think the opposite.

Let's not forget the color scheme of the profile. Who wants to be boring with black and white when there's a wide selection of colors to choose from?

Many people can match their color scheme with their favorite sports team, Greek affiliation, or show some school spirit with Longwood's colors.

What amazes me is the number of people who put their address on their profile.

The only people you want to visit are those who should know where you live.

Some sketch-ball could very easily get a hold of your

screen name and find all the information he needs on your profile.

We assume that people who never change their profiles are lazy, and those with none at all are boring.

Somehow, people stumble for words when asked to describe the kind of person they are, yet can sum up their personality in less than 2000 characters on their profile.

Not to sound like an adult, but it really is a sign of the times when our identities have gone digital.

Liz Richards

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NFL Update Week 8

Pat Sullivan
Staff Vampire

Most people would agree that the quarterback is undoubtedly the leader of a team's offense.

While that may be true, this year it's all about the running backs.

Three running backs, Jamal Lewis, Priest Holmes and Stephen Davis, are all principle factors in their teams leading their respective divisions.

Baltimore's Jamal Lewis has rushed for triple digit yardage every game since week two when he set the single game record with 295.

The former Tennessee Vol is also on pace to shatter Eric Dickerson's single-season rushing record, but only if he continues his explosiveness which he definitely had during the Ravens win against Denver.

An old teammate of Lewis's is also doing pretty well for himself in Kansas City. Priest Holmes is a crucial piece behind the Chiefs's undefeated season, which is now up to 8-0 after a win against the Bills.

Holmes is also a receiving threat, catching for 330 yards giving him the highest yards from scrimmage this year. The former Redskin, Stephen Davis,

is enjoying his time in Carolina where he has rushed for over 100 yards in all but two games, both of which he played while suffering from bruised forearm which seemed better as he lead the Panthers in a win against New Orleans.

What's most impressive about Lewis and Davis is their team's lack of a passing game, which means even though opponents only need to focus on the run, the still can't stop them! So while the quarterback may be the leader of the offense, the running backs are the backbone of a team.

As for the other games around the NFL, the Cowboys and the Bucs looked more like themselves last year as the Bucs defense was able to blank the overachieving Dallas 16-0, can't win all Parcells.

Speaking of being back, Eddie George had 2 TDs in the Titans' win over the Jaguars and is looking like his old self. On his first day back, Chap Pennington and the Jets were faced with a loss against the Eagles.

The Fighting Irish aren't the only people chanting "Rudy, Rudy" as Rudi Johnson filled in for Corey Dillon and lifted the Bengals to a victory against the Seahawks. Down in Texas, after

surviving a record number of sacks last year, the Texans' David Carr may miss his first game after getting hurt in a loss to the Colts.

In two kickers duels, New England beat Cleveland and the 49ers' kicker Owen Pochman not only lost a game against the Cardinals, but also his job!

The Vikings tasted their first defeat this week against the Giants but they still have a strange hold on their division.

In what was supposed to be a battle of two greats, St. Louis routed struggling Pittsburgh, but it was still a battle of losers in Chicago as Da Bears proved to just slightly less horrible than the Lions.

Player of the Week: Brian Griese. Ok, so a lot of people played better, but you know Bob Griese had to have had a tear in his eye as Brian and his old Dolphins whipped the Chargers on Monday Night.

Tell Me When: ... will the Chiefs lose! They are safe this week with a bye and only have two more opponents with winning records and they've already beat one of them. I've already mentioned Bob Griese once, but could the Chiefs do their best impression of him and the 1972 Dolphins and have a ::gasp:: Perfect Season?!

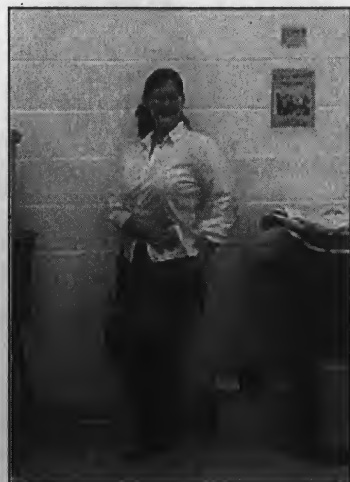
Little Santa Slut



Rotunda Staff Member



Not So Catholic Schoolgirl



props and drops

Props:

- + To the Wiccan New Year (a.k.a. Halloween)
- + To Halloween parties
- + To turning tricks for treats
- + To peanut m&m's for Joeybear!
- + To candy
- + To plaid skirts
- + To Heath Ledger
- + To TNT for showing *Angel* and *Charmed*
- + To the women who shared their stories at Take Back the Night

Drops:

- + To creepos who put razor blades in candy
- + To unattended hall programs
- + To networks
- + To computers that won't save
- + To hangovers
- + To rude people

Speak Out

What are you going to be for Halloween?



"A wenchi!"

~Helen Pitman, Freshman



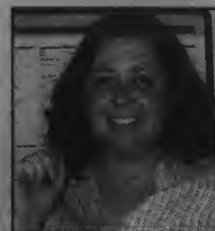
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Wednesday, November 5, 2003	6:30-8:30PM	Stubbs Sisterhood Room
Thursdays, November 13, 2003	11:00AM-1:00PM	Dining Hall
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Richmond CEO to Speak at Longwood

Press Release

Peter J. Bernard, chief executive officer of Bon Secours Richmond Health System, will speak Wednesday, November 5, at 7 p.m. in Longwood University's Hiner Auditorium on "Healthcare Today - The Realities of an Industry in Flux."

Bernard will be the third speaker in this year's Executive-in-Residence series by the College of Business & Economics, which is presented as a public service and made possible through the financial support of SunTrust and Philip Morris Companies.

Bernard has spent more than 25 years in healthcare administration in Michigan, Texas, Iowa, Kentucky, and South Dakota.

Before joining Bon Secours Richmond Health System in 2000 he was president and CEO of Caritas Health Services and Saints Mary & Elizabeth Hospital, both in Louisville, Kentucky.

Bon Secours Richmond Health

System is a not-for-profit, Catholic-sponsored healthcare system with \$490 million in net operating revenue, 4,900 employees and 1,400 physicians.

It is the parent corporation of Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital, Bon Secours Memorial Regional Medical Center, Bon Secours Richmond Community Hospital, and other related facilities.

Bernard has led the effort to build a \$75 million, 130-bed replacement hospital in Chesterfield County to open in 2004.

"The business of healthcare is unique because the exchange is between many stakeholders: patient, hospital, doctor and insurance company as well as government regulations," he said.

"The healthcare environment is constantly changing; therefore it is a necessity to learn and grow professionally. As a CEO for ten plus years, I still learn something new every day."

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When questioned about sexual assaults on campus, Pierson stated, "Most of the cases we hear about are acquaintance rapes."

When a case of assault is reported, Pierson noted that every case is different and stated "we can't take someone's situation and tell them what to do."

In a case of sexual assault, Pierson urges the victim to tell someone they trust.

Chief Lowe stated "it is not uncommon to receive a report of a sexual assault after the fact," when questioned about the October 28 Student Notice where the victim reported her attempted assault nine days after the occurrence.

He commented, "Students do not like to report on other students."

Lowe also asked that students be notified of the anonymous e-mail engine with which students may report crimes.

The link to report a crime anonymously is www.longwood.edu/police.

The link for anonymous reporting is on the home page for this site.

Names and e-mail addresses are optional.

On Wednesday, October 29, Dee Herger, the student president of S.A.F.E., stated she was "impressed with everyone who came out and spoke" and "the stories made a huge impact on those who came."

She also stated that victims are "heavily influenced" in discontinuing the pursuit of charges against their attacker.

She stated that "when someone is brought up on charges, that person will be let go or the victim will back out."

Pierson stated in a conversation held later that same evening that these situations are "very much on an individual basis... every student makes their own decisions."

Chief Lowe commented

that Herger's statement is a "broad generalization," and that he was not sure how to comment.

Though it may be safe to say that no assault case is alike, what can be said is that every victim can become a survivor.

Survivors have the opportunity to make their stories known, be heard and find some peace.

If you have been sexually assaulted or emotionally, physically and/or verbally abused, please contact an R.A., an R.E.C., campus police, or the Wellness Center.

You are not alone.

There is help to be had.

Though, according to Herger, "sharing is a matter of time," don't become overwhelmed by your emotions.

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Virginia21 Turns to the Internet

Press Release

Virginia21 began an era of grassroots activism with the launch of the VA21 Online Action Center website.

Virginia21.org is an online advocacy center that lets 18-24 year-olds have a voice in the political process, giving them a "digital seat at the table."

Virginia21 is the first generational advocacy organization for 18-24 year olds in Virginia, and the launch of the Action Center marks one of the first online issue advocacy campaigns for young adults in the country.

Campus Action Teams across the commonwealth are busy putting up posters, emailing students, and handing out fliers as part of "e-Storm the Statehouse."

Team members are encouraging students to use www.Virginia21.org and its "Tell-A-Friend" peer-to-peer grassroots tools to spread the word about their new voice in Richmond.

The new website encourages users to take action with Action Alerts easy-to-use programs that let them send letters to their legislators and the editors of local newspapers.

Users can also view informa-

tion about candidates' stands on issues important to their generation, such as higher education and financial aid funding.

The site launch also marks the kick-off of the "Fund Virginia's Future" Campaign, an effort to save higher education by fully funding the state's base adequacy requirements. The campaign includes an online petition to "Fund Virginia's Future."

"Where AARP has postcards, we have action alerts. When they talk about social security, we talk about education. While they talk about the commitments made to our past, we talk about the potential of our future. We are the voice of Virginia's tomorrow," said Jesse Ferguson, Executive Director of Virginia21.

Virginia21 is an action-tank that engages young people in the political process with an active purpose and agenda.

Virginia-21 promotes political engagement among young adults on issues related to education, economic opportunity and quality of life.

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For more information, visit www.Virginia21.org.

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Melanie Marks Runs for Board of Supervisors

Shannon Harrison
Goblin

Melanie Marks, Associate Professor of Economics and Director of Economic Education for Longwood University, is running for the Board of Supervisors, on November 4th.

This is a write in Campaign that gives voter's opportunity to write-in the full name of the opposing candidate Melanie Marks on the ballot.

Since 1993 Longwood has benefited from the expertise of Marks background, which entails an MBA and Doctorate from Texas A & M University.

The Campus is directly affected by this election, because the Board of Supervisors governs the county altogether controlling the budget, land use, and zoning changes along with the local school system.

Longwood Student Farmville Expenditures reach \$12.61 million each year; which was proven in a recent study done by the University to achieve the economic impact Longwood has on the community.

Considering the contribution students have on the economic welfare of Farmville one would assume that the current representative on the board of Supervisors Mr. Howard Simpson would have more interest in communicating with students, but that does not seem to be the case.

In the open forum held Tuesday evening by Longwood University, the current candidate did not attend at all, after receiv-

ing a written invitation as well as a verbal invite.

Since this position on the Board of Supervisors has such a big role in the economic development of our county, who would be better at the job than an economist with many years of teaching and research of economic systems, such as Marks?

Marks said, "In a recent issue of the Farmville Herald, the commissioner of revenue for Farmville wrote an inaccurate statement that may have scared students away from being part of the county's diplomatic process." His statement suggested that by registering to vote in Farmville it will put your financial aid and scholarships in jeopardy.

On the contrary Longwood's financial director has enforced that this is not the case and no such financial assistance is at risk.

Students are strongly encouraged to vote if pre registered in Farmville's district.

Marks "questions why a public official would discourage students from voting," making students feel separate from the town and questioning their right to participate in the election.

Marks wishes to bridge the gap between the community and campus, and states that students have expressed their concerns, that the local government is not responsive to their needs.

Who could better represent and hear the needs and concerns of students then someone who interacts with them on a day to day basis. " [Marks] has made it clear to students that [she] understands the need for regula-

tions that help keep students and citizens live together in harmony."

Some of her other political positions are concerns dealing with the long-term economic development plan and ensuring that the local schools stay strong by providing insight to the decision making that includes input and interests of the community.

A lot of these politicians consider themselves unbeatable; in fact no one has opposed Mr. Howard Simpson in the past two elections.

Because these elections take place every four years, Simpson has not been apposed for the past eight years of his term.

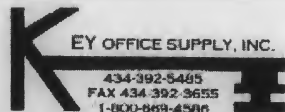
Politics can be a vicious world that is often leaves voters with no alternative, and can be based on connections within the system instead of the view of its citizens. Melanie Marks "wishes to offer voters a choice in this election."

In our district, Marks " expects that approximately 600 votes will be cast, given this small number of voters, every vote counts especially since it is expected to be a tight race".

The new polling location for District 101 is in the new Farmville Area Bus building located next to the new Rescue Squad building on Doswell Street.

Polls will be open from 6am to 7 pm on November 4th. From Main Street, you can get to the voting site by taking Second Street past DMV and up the hill.

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Napster Returns With Pay-to-Play

U-WIRE

When the innovative software application known as Napster first ignited the music-file trading frenzy in 1999, consumers celebrated the birth of "free" music for all. Napster was put to death three years later by the Recording Industry Association of America in its famed copyright infringement lawsuit, but a new class of person-to-person file-sharing services sprung up that include KaZaA, Amster, Morpheus, the Gnutella Network and BearShare.

At the peak of its power, Napster boasted over 80 million users, and when legal troubles forced Napster CEO Shawn Fanning to resign in 2002, it was clear that the millions of users were not just going to go away as the RIAA had hoped. A September 2003 survey of over 40,000 computer users conducted by the consumer tracking firm the NPD Group reported that nearly two-thirds -- 64 percent -- of all U.S. households with Internet access had at least one digital music file on their hard drives, and more than half of that group had 100 such files.

Now, just one year after the original Napster was officially retired, a new pay-to-play version of the software, deemed Napster 2.0, was scheduled for release Wednesday.

Fanning participated in the trial runs with Napster 2.0's parent company Roxio.

"I've used Napster 2.0 and it's really great," Fanning said on the Napster Web site. "It's fast, easy to use, and the sound quality surpasses that of the original."

Doug Morris, Chairman and CEO of Universal Music Group, is also excited by the revamped, "legal" version of the popular software.

"The launch of Napster adds yet another option to the growing number of legitimate outlets for consumers to buy music online," Morris said. "We are committed to offering fans many ways to experience the music of their favorite artists."

Napster 2.0 will offer consumers the choice of purchasing either a la carte music from its

extensive catalog of over 500,000 tracks at 99 cents a song and \$9.95 per album, or users can register for its premium service for unlimited downloading and personal radio stations, priced at \$9.95 a month. Users can also listen to 30-second clips of all songs in the music catalog and burn CDs more easily using the service's "drag-and-drop" technology.

"I don't really get why they're calling it 'Napster,'" said University of Wisconsin freshman Emma Newart. "It doesn't even sound like the old Napster at all. I mean, why bother? I will probably just keep downloading for free off KaZaA instead."

UW sophomore Ben Sherman disagrees about the

spirit of the reincarnated program.

"I think I would use the new Napster service, but only in addition to Morpheus," Sherman said. "It would be cool for getting songs that you can't find the real versions of on the free services."

In addition to Napster 2.0, other pay-to-play services popular with music customers include Rhapsody, MusicMatch, iTunes and buymusic.com. Non-paying services such as Morpheus and KaZaA still dominate the online music scene, but with the number of RIAA lawsuits growing every day, pay-to-play services may soon be music lovers' most viable option for music downloads.

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from their planes during the Vietnam War.

Dr. Merkle was awarded the Ph.D. in Zoology from Miami University. While at Miami he was awarded the first Teaching Fellowship in the Zoology Department and received the Outstanding Graduate Student Award from Sigma Xi.

Dr. Merkle has received research grants from the National Science Foundation and Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society of North America. He was the second recipient of the newly created Maude Glenn Raiford Award for Outstanding Teaching presented by the Longwood Faculty (1991) and received the Student Faculty Award for

Outstanding Service to Students presented by Longwood Students in 1997. In addition to teaching his classes, he is the director of the Pre-Professional Medical Programs, the adviser for Beta Beta Beta, and is in charge of the College Greenhouse and the Natural Science Department Web Pages.

The Longwood Center for the Visual Arts currently has on exhibit works from Dr. Merkle's private collection of bird illustrations. Birds of Prey: Five Centuries of Illustration traces the development of ornithological illustration during the golden age of natural history illustration (late 1500s up to 1900) to the 20th century. This collection of art will be on exhibit through November 8 at the LCVA.

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"Working in a faith-based healthcare administration is rewarding because one has the opportunity to practice stewardship on a daily basis, making decisions that directly impact patient care," he added. "Catholic healthcare weaves mission and values into daily operations and strategic decisions. If one alternative is best for the patients, it is the best alternative."

The other speakers in the 2003-2004 Executive-in-

Residence series are G. Gilmer Minor III, chairman and CEO of Owens & Minor Inc., January 19; Charles T. Hill, chairman, president and CEO of SunTrust Bank, Mid-Atlantic, February 2; Jean Clary Bagley, president and CEO, Century 21 Clary & Associates Inc., March 24; and Willie E. Lanier, senior vice president, Wachovia Securities, April 1.

All programs are at 7 p.m. in Hiner Auditorium, except April 1, which is the senior banquet and is not open to the public.

Preliminary Hearings Begin for Scott Peterson

Liz Richards
Ghout-in-Chief

A preliminary hearing has begun in California to determine if Scott Peterson will be tried for the murder of his wife Laci, and their unborn son, who they were to name Conner.

According to cnn.com, Peterson, who has been in jail since his April 18 arrest, has pled innocent to the charges. If convicted, he could face the death penalty for both crimes.

Last Christmas Eve, after returning from a fishing trip, Peterson reported his 27-year-old wife was missing.

Four months later, the decomposed remains of a woman and her fetus were found by dog walkers miles away from where Peterson said he had been fishing.

The prosecution's argument is that Peterson killed his wife at home and dumped her body

from his boat into the San Francisco Bay.

Evidence that is expected to be presented is a DNA analysis of Laci Peterson's hair found on pliers in Scott Peterson's boat, bloodhounds used to pick up the scent of Laci Peterson in the boat or at a storage warehouse her husband rented, and wire-taps and global positioning systems used to monitor and track Scott Peterson. The Associated Press reported.






Both the defense and prosecution have been ordered to provide a list of any witnesses that will testify and none of whom will be allowed into the courtroom before their testimony during the preliminary hearings.

After being postponed three times, the judge ruled to have the trial postponed again until Wednesday due to a scheduling conflict with one of the defense lawyers.

2003

INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS WEEK

"PROMOTING A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF GLOBAL AFFAIRS"

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10 General Samuel Wilson (former senior official with the Central Intelligence Agency and President of Hampton-Sydney College) <i>"American Foreign Policy in the Age of Terrorism"</i> Vogel Auditorium, 7:00 pm. Reception to Follow Sponsored by History, Political Science and Philosophy Department	
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 Video Showing (25 minutes) and Discussion: Islam & America. <i>Through the Eyes of Imam Khan with</i> Imam Bin 'Ud Muhammad, of the Farmlite Islamic Center Longwood Student Union, C Room, 11:50 am - 1:15 pm "Why do so many Muslims hate the United States? What has America done to threaten so many people in the Muslim world?" Imam Khan, a Pakistani celebrity oratorical player turned politician, tries to answer these questions in this provocative documentary filmed through Pakistan. He examines the political, social, and economic causes of the schism between the Islamic world and the West -- Sponsored by the Office of Intercultural Affairs	
Steven McGinn, Director Asia & Near East Bureau of Population, Refugees & Migration United States Department of State <i>"The Role of Humanitarian Assistance in U.S. Foreign Policy"</i> Dr. Ibrahim M. Shwehah <i>"Personal Reflections"</i> Afghanistan: After the Fall of the Taliban Vogel Auditorium, 7:00 pm Sponsored by the Office of Intercultural Affairs	
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13 Hispanic Dance Festival Dance the night away--Salsa, Merengue, Musica Latina Music, Dance lessons, games show, food and fun! Longwood Grand Dining Hall, 8:00 pm-11:00 pm Sponsored by the Modern Language Club http://www.longwood.edu/intercultural/World.org/activities/Hispanic.htm	
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14 Ben Castle, Co-Editor, <i>Caribbean Mirror</i> 8:30 pm Lancer Cafe, sponsored by Lancer Productions	

LONGWOOD UNIVERSITY

Calendar

October 31- November 6, 2003

Friday
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Happy Halloween!!!!

**Halloween Party and
Costume Contest**
Commuter Lounge
Lankford

Women's Golf
Miami (F.L.)

LP Movie
28 Days
7:30 p.m.
ABC Rooms

Costume Contest
Mulligan's
9 p.m.

**Riverside Jazz
Quartet**
Charley's
9 p.m.

Saturday
1

The Goldenfish Show
WMLU 91.3
10 p.m.- 12 a.m.

Tuesday
4

SGA Meeting
Lankford ABC Rooms
3:45 p.m.

Just for Seniors
Career Center
7- 8 p.m.

Talent Search
By Sigma Alpha Iota
Wygat Recital Hall
8 p.m.

W.I.L.L. Meeting
TBA
9:15 p.m.

Sunday
2

Field Hockey
vs. C.W. Post
Noon

Gyre Meeting
Charlotte Room
6 p.m.

WMLU Meeting
Hiner 207
9 p.m.

Wednesday
5

**Wednesdays with
Women's Studies**
Library 147A
3 p.m.

**Just for Juniors
and Sophomores**
Career Center
7- 8 p.m.

Martial Arts Club
Tabb Wrestling Room
7:30- 9:30 p.m.

**LP Traditions
Meeting**
Nottoway Room
8 p.m.

**Executive in
Excellence**
Peter J. Bernard
Hiner Auditorium
7 p.m.

Monday
3

Outdoor Club
Lancer 208
7 p.m.

**Vagina Monologues/V-
Day 2004 Meeting**
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? p.m.

Just for Seniors
Career Center
7- 8 p.m.

Thursday
6

Baptist Student Union
Behind Stubbs
5:15 p.m.

**Just for Juniors
and Sophomores**
Career Center
7- 8 p.m.

Basic Gospel Choir
Wygat 106
7 p.m.

Unity Alliance
Grainger G16
8 p.m.

**InterVarsity Christian
Fellowship**
Hull Auditorium
8:30 p.m.

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*A student's typical day began with morning prayers, breakfast, and an obligatory chapel service.

*Six hours of classes followed. No record of a lunch break anywhere in those six hours has been found.

*After classes, students could walk around the grounds or study until what was called 'tea time', probably supper.

*At night there was a mandatory study hall overseen by a professor.

*Family prayers followed, then about a half hour of free time until lights out.

*Parents were asked to supply their daughters "with a very simple state of dress" and "not to give them any considerable amount of pocket money."

Thanks to Dr. Jordan of the Anthropology Department for the information (Written by Emily Miller)

The Avrett Brothers to Perform

Press Release

Last February, down in the darkly lit confines of the "old" Lancer Café, a group of students were treated to something they wouldn't forget.

They were fortunate enough to experience the musical majesty that is The Avrett Brothers.

This trio lured in unsuspecting Café patrons with their original heart-felt sound that made that night a night to remember.

For these reasons and more, Lancer Productions is bringing back The Avrett Brothers back for an encore performance Saturday, November 1st at 8:00 pm in the Lancer Café.

The Avrett Brothers, featuring Bob Crawford and brothers Scott

and Seth Avett, are originally from North Carolina, and travel across the country winning fans with every performance.

When people ask Scott and Seth Avett how long they've been playing music they'll usually say, "forever."

The trio's sound is a mixture of old-time country, bluegrass, pop melodies, folk, rock n' roll, honky-tonk and ragtime.

The overall sound is without the need of a label, because frankly none would do the music the justice.

It's the intensity at which the Avetts pour their angst, heartache and love into each show that has captivated crowds across the country.

And it's those audience reac-

tions that propel The Avett Brothers to continue.

Scott Avett explained, "When people hear what we're saying in our songs and listening to things, for the right reasons - when they get quiet when we're playing - it's a blessing.

To know that somebody has a problem in their life that we can temporarily soothe... that's what it's all about."

You will be able to participate in this one of a kind musical experience in Lancer Café as Lancer Productions brings the Avetts back for yet another jaw-dropping performance.

For more information on The Avett Brothers show visit Lancer Productions website at www.longwood.edu/lp or call 395-2110.

Letters From London

Paula Nusbaum
Staff Vampire

Another busy week. I can't believe I only have seven more weeks here. It's going to be hard to leave here in December.

On Saturday I went on a trip with my CEA group to Oxford and Stratford-upon-Avon. Both are beautiful cities, and it was nice to get away from the city atmosphere.

We arrived in Oxford around 10:30 a.m. and Danielle, our director, gave us a tour of the university.

Oxford has such an old, traditional atmosphere, probably similar to something like Harvard or Yale.

It would be an experience to actually study there, but Danielle told us that the studies can be very intense. Although, the semesters are only for eight weeks, there are usually about two to three papers due each week. I definitely prefer Longwood's system.

Also, for each class the students have to dress up in their black robes, almost like graduation gowns. And when their professors walk into the room they all have to rise, as if in a courtroom.

After Oxford, we went to Stratford-upon-Avon which is renowned for its association with

William Shakespeare.

First, we went on a tour of Anne Hathaway's cottage. She was the wife of Shakespeare. The cottage was a compact little house, with just enough rooms for three bedrooms, a kitchen, and a small living room area.



After the tour, we headed into central Stratford-upon-Avon and just walked around the city. A small group of us went to see where Shakespeare and some of his family are buried, which was located in Holy Trinity Church.

That night, CEA got us tickets to see the Royal Shakespeare Company's production of *The Taming of the Shrew*. The comedy was perfect for a visit to Shakespeare's city, and was well acted by the company. The theatre was packed, but we had a good view from the balcony.

On Sunday, I met up with a girl from class, who lives in the

Camden area. She took me around her hometown, which is host to one of the most popular markets in the city.

Markets are very popular, because they are the place to go for cheap buys of semi-quality goods. It also has a strange mix of people, with wild hair and funky clothes. There was even one punk rock type store, in which one of the employees was required to dance to this weird techno music on top of one of the checkout counters. It was really strange.

I liked Camden. In many ways it's more authentic than Oxford Street, which houses the big shopping brands and is always packed with shoppers.

Camden has more of a personality, and seems to cater to all sorts of buyers. Some of my paper and project deadlines are starting to come up, so I need to start focusing on schoolwork.

It's very hard for me to get motivated for classes when there are so many distractions in the city, but London universities are traditionally harder to pass than American universities, so I need to stay focused.

All in all it was a very good week. I will be going to Belgium this upcoming weekend, as a part of a CEA-sponsored trip, so I have a lot of work I need to get done before this weekend.

Roommate Wanted

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- Longwood residence halls and food service will be closed that week. Students who live on campus and wish to take the course must make other living and dining arrangements.



By: Jo Leili

This article originally appeared in the 10/29/1975 issue of The Rotunda.

Do you believe in ghosts, spooks, witches, haunted houses, and other similarly related eerie phenomenon?

Have you developed, while at Longwood, an interest in such ghoulish activities due to the flurry of wild rumors which circulate on campus about "spirted" dorm visitors or the "friendly fiends" which visit rooms at the midnight hour?

Well, if so, then the Student Union has devised an upcoming program sure to stimulate the imagination of the firmest believer and the most sincere skeptic

A Blast from the Past: Freak Week



alike! Called "Freak Week" as co-chaired by S-UN member, Becky Tuck and Erin Lee, a number of activities will range from Monday, November 10, to Thursday, November 13, varying in form but all designed to entertain and inform the audience or participant.

The official launching of "Freak Week," beginning Monday night at 9:00 p.m., will consist of three horror movies to be shown in the Commons room between Curry and Frazier.

The movies, as chosen by the Student Union Films Committee Chairperson, Ann Ranson, are *Dial M for Murder*, *Twisted Nerve*, and *The Boy Cried Werewolf*, with an admission price of 50 cents, and free popcorn with coke sold, the

atmosphere will be casual, so bring a blanket for the floor, a pillow for your head, and be prepared for a few screams and a lot of laughs!

Tuesday night, "Freak Week" takes on a partying aspect, with a costume ball to be held in the ABC rooms in the Lankford Building.

Starting around 7 p.m. until about 10:00, with beer, coke, and "real" pizza to be sold, admission will be free for all when attired completely in costume.

An invitation to join will be extended to Hampden-Sydney, which of course, will be necessary in order to get enough suitable contestants to run in the Mr. and Ms. Freak Beauty Pageant, one of the highlights of the evening.

Records will be playing through the night for those who feel inclined to dance, and rumor has it, that none other than Bowman Body (The Bad?) will make a guest appearance that evening to act as "Freak M.C." (among other things!). He will attempt to top off last year's famous Longwood campus visit.

On November 12, Wednesday night, the atmosphere turns to one of the utmost seriousness and intrigue with the entrance of the Warrens (Ed and Louise): Seekers of the Supernatural! Wednesday night's topic will be "Haunted Houses and Ghosts."

This phase of the program, continued on Thursday afternoon, November 13, will include visits by Ed and Louise to various

classrooms to answer any additional questions or discuss any subjects as desired by the students.

Thursday night, at 8 p.m., once again in Wygal Auditorium, the Warrens will close "Freak Week," speaking on "Witchcraft and Demonology in the United States," as further aided by typed interviews, sworn affidavits, pictures and slides from both participants and observers of Witchcraft.

Novel in concept and execution, the Longwood Student Union with "Freak week," when it invades the campus from November the 10 through the 13, hopes to impress and intrigue, startle and shock, amuse and entertain the students.

The History of Halloween

Stacey Kluttz
Staff Vampire

Every year on the last night in October, children and adults celebrate Halloween with costumes, trick-or-treating, parties, and pumpkin carving.

But how much do you really know about the origins of this bone-chilling holiday?

It all began 2,000 years ago, when the Celts celebrated their new year on November 1st.

The Celts believed that on the night before the new year, the worlds of the living and the dead merged.

Samhain was a festival to celebrate the ghosts of the dead returning to earth.

Then in the 800's, Christianity spread through the Celtic lands, designating October 31st as All-hallows Eve, which eventually became known as Halloween; November 1st as All Saint's Day, and November 2nd as All Soul's Day.

The three combined became known as Hallowmas.

Many of us celebrate our holiday tradition by dressing in our scariest or most clever costume.

That tradition dates back to both European and Celtic roots hun-

dreds of years ago.

On Halloween, people would wear masks after dark so they would be mistaken as fellow spirits.

To keep the spirits away, people would also place bowls of food outside their homes to soothe the ghosts and prevent them from

entering.

Today, the tradition of trick-or-treating has evolved into Americans spending \$6.9 billion annually on Halloween.

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IMPORTANT:

1. Summer tuition rates apply, but no comprehensive or technology fees required if enrolled for Spring Semester. Payment must be made by Jan. 5, 2004, and no financial aid is available.
2. Longwood residence halls and food service will be closed that week. Students who live on campus and wish to take the course must make other living and dining arrangements.

Book Review: *In the Company of Heroes*

Huston Daniels
The Mummy

In his book, *In the Company of Heroes*, prisoner of war Michael J. Durant offers a personal account of his time in captivity in Somalia.

Beginning with the helicopter crash that is detailed in both the book and movie, *Black Hawk Down*, Durant opens a window into the lives of Special Operations Forces that had not been revealed prior to the publishing of this book in 2003.

Not only does Durant graphically illustrate the fourteen days he spent in captivity, he also offers a history of his time spent in the Army and how he became a member of Special Forces.

The book is compiled of chapters describing the days and nights spent as a prisoner of war and describing former places of deployment and the training that led up to this mission in Mogadishu, Somalia.

After ten years of emotional and physical recovery Durant reflects upon his experience in Somalia and the lost lives of some of his fellow comrades.

For those unfamiliar with United Nations Operation Somalia or for those interested in learning more about Michael Durant's time in captivity in Somalia, this book offers educational insight as to the important jobs of Special Operations Forces of the United States Army.



Klezmer Band Rocks Longwood

Michele Thompson
Head Witch

As part of the Jewish Student Organization's (JSO) ongoing effort to increase awareness of Jewish culture the Klezmer band Simchah played last Sunday night in Lankford Ballroom.

The music was lively and inspired many listeners to get up and dance.

Katrina Stevens, President of the JSO, taught audience members the hora, which is a circular dance of celebration.

It is done most often at weddings and bar/bat mitzvahs.

Simchah is led by Dr. Daniel Engel, an Associate Professor of Microbiology at the University of Virginia, and includes his fellow faculty members as well as students.

The name Simchah means joy in Hebrew.

The word Klezmer is a combi-

nation of two Hebrew words "kle" which is a vessel and "zemer" which means song.

The idea is that the instruments take on human qualities, like crying or laughter, becoming a vessel of song and emotion.

Klezmer music comes from the Eastern European Yiddish culture and was brought to the United States by Jewish immigrants.

It contains Gypsy, Greek, and Romanian elements as well.

Most of these musicians did not know how to read music, but were often regarded as very gifted in their art.

They were also seen as odd

drifters, usually traveling in groups of from three to six people and playing at weddings, synagogues, festivals, and even for Polish nobles.

Klezmer music is known for its improvisations and innovations and is often called "the grandfather of jazz."

The JSO will next host Rabbi Zvi Ron on Sunday, November 9th at 7 p.m. in Bedford Auditorium.

He will speak on Jewish festivals and holidays.

The JSO will provide knosh (snacks) and all members of the Longwood community as well as residents of Farmville are welcome.

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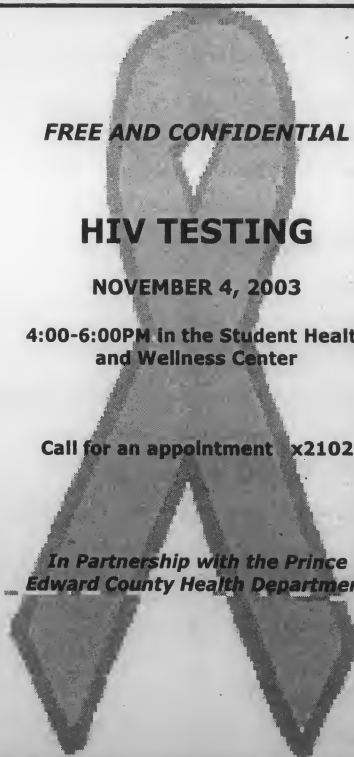
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Things I like to see #2: Goths with dandruff.

Movie Review: *Texas Chainsaw Massacre*

Kelly Fischer
Staff Vampire

This thriller is set in the 1970s and is about five teens making their way across the Lonestar state on their way to a Lynyrd Skynyrd concert.

The trip turns sour when the teens pick up an unbalanced and obviously shaken young girl who then commits suicide in the back of their van.

This scene gives a premonition that the rest of the film will become more and more horrific. Enter, the fanatical madman known as "Leatherface."

"Leatherface" is played by Andrew Bryniarski who has an incredible height of 6'5", a great physical aspect for the character he plays.

Bryniarski plays the madman well and is certainly scary and intimidating.

His character picks a chainsaw as his weapon of choice

and tortures his victims in many ways, one of which is removing his/her face to wear as a mask, hence the name "Leatherface."

The movie insinuates that he does this because of a skin dis-



ease that he has.

Making his directorial debut is Marcus Nispel.

This famed music video director's background certainly helped give this film a different spin.

Jessica Biel (*Seventh Heaven*) heads up the cast of teen characters as the typical horror film "girl."

It is nice to see her in a different light as compared to *Seventh Heaven*.

She plays the role well. Overall, if you can't handle a little blood and your own racing heart, this movie is not for you.

A hand to squeeze, shoulder to hide in, and a shirt to crumple are things that may come in handy when seeing this movie.

Texas Chainsaw Massacre is rated R and for good reason. The film is truly a chilling and spine-tingling horror.

What makes it worse is that it is based on a true story.

Don't bet on having sweet dreams after this one.

Book Review: *Lies and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them: A Fair and Balanced Look at the Right*

Leslie Smith
Broom Editor

Al Franken, also known as Stuart Smalley, is known for his political-minded comedy.

He has written many books, including *Oh, the Things I Know! A Guide to Success, Or, Failing That, Happiness, Why Not Me? The Inside Story of the Making and Unmaking of the Franken Presidency*, and *Rush Limbaugh Is a Big Fat Idiot: And Other Observations*.

Lies and the Lying Liars and the People Who Tell Them: A Fair and Balanced Look at the Right has been a controversial book for Franken.

First came the mess over the Fox motto: "Fair and Balanced." After finishing that battle, he tackled the many issues in the government and media that needed to be aired.

Speaking out against hypo-

critical people like Ann Coulter, Bill O'Reilly, and George Bush, one must only read this wonderful piece of left-wing writing to gain any ammo needed against the right.

Franken's witty commentary on the problems that are plaguing our media and airwaves relieve the painful right-wing insincerities.

People tend to either side extremely on the side of Franken, or extremely against him. Many conservatives have claimed that Franken is nothing more than a "whiney liberal cry-baby" (amazon.com reviews), while many liberals call him a "savior to our cause" (amazon.com reviews).

One review in particular was enlightening: "I will never look at the right-wing main stream media the same way again - instead of being serious, I will sit and laugh my ass off."



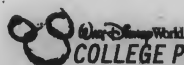
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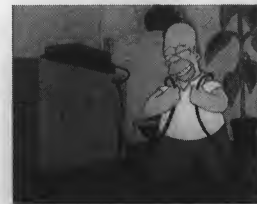


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Sports Information

Longwood University split its two games during the past week, defeating NCAA Division I Virginia Military Institute 5-1 October 26 at Lancer Field following a disappointing 3-2 loss at Division I Howard University October 23 in Washington, D.C.

The Lancers are now 9-6-1 this season with one match remaining on the schedule. Against VMI, sophomore Melissa Cary/Bristow (Brentsville) scored just 3:50 into the match off a cross from senior Phoebe Munson/Virginia Beach (Tallwood) for the early lead. Freshman Tiffany Crane/Virginia Beach (Kellam) made it 2-0 when she dribbled the ball past the goalie and shot it into the back of the net for what proved to be the game-winner at 37:44.

The Keydets did close to within 2-1 at the intermission on a penalty-kick goal at 42:45. Sophomore April Lockley/California, Md. (Leonardtown) beat the goalie for a score two minutes into the second stanza, giving Longwood a 3-1 advantage at 47:12.

Crane tallied her second goal of the evening as Lockley crossed the ball from the right side into the middle at 52:01. Junior Christine Clay/Amelia (Amelia Co.) finished the scoring

at 72:48, scoring off a rebound from a missed shot.

Longwood took the advantage on shots 21-5 and corner kicks 7-3. The Lancers split time in goal between junior keeper Lindsay Naill/Alexandria (Bishop Ireton) (45:00) and freshman keeper Heather Storrie/Spring Grove, Pa. (Spring Grove) (45:00).

At Howard, Lockley scored the first goal of the match at 9:23 off an assist from freshman Kelsie Bradberry/Richmond (Monacan). The Bison knotted the match at 1-1 with a goal just before the intermission (0:09).

The Lancers battled back in front 2-1 when sophomore Tiffany Rice/Virginia Beach (Kellam), assisted by Lockley, tallied a goal at 55:51. Howard tied the contest again at 2-2 with a goal at 62:44 and scored the game-winner at 72:40.

Howard took a 15-8 advantage in shots against the Lancers, though each team had six corner-kick opportunities.

Naill played the entire match in front of the net with five saves.

Through 16 matches, Longwood is led in scoring by Crane with five goals and five assists for 15 points (1.07), followed closely by Munson with six goals and one assist for 13

points (0.81).

Lockley (4 goals, 3 assists) and Bradberry (4 goals, 2 assists) follow with 11 points (0.69) and 10 points (0.63), respectively. Other scoring includes freshman Anna Gravely/Virginia Beach (Cox) (3 goals, 2 assists, 8 points, 0.67), Rice (3 goals, 1 assist, 7 points, 0.44), Clay (2 goals, 4 points, 0.57), Cary (1 goal, 2 points, 0.13), along with junior Mikaela Bizer/Annandale (Annandale) (2 assists, 2 points, 0.13) and redshirt freshman Stacy Crites/Manassas (Osborn) (1 goal, 2 points, 0.15).

Naill has played 1057 minutes in front of the net, allowing 13 goals (1.11) with 46 saves for a .780 save percentage and six shutouts. Naill, with 24 career shutouts, ranks second all-time for the Lancers (Amy Kennedy, 25, 1997-00).

Storrie has played 381 minutes in front of the net, allowing eight goals (1.89) with 20 saves for a .714 save percentage and one shutout, and freshman keeper Nicole Bossieux/Mechanicsville (Atlee)

has played 24 minutes in front of the net, allowing no goals (0.00).

Longwood will be trying to attain at least 10 wins in a season for the ninth consecutive year when the Lancers face the Marlins this week in the season finale.

Men's Soccer Record Falls to 5-10

Sports Information

The Longwood University men's soccer team suffered a heart-breaking overtime loss October 23 to Division I UNC Asheville 1-0 on Greenwood Field.

With the defeat, the Lancers fall to 5-10, while the Bulldogs improve to 7-6-2.

Both teams battled throughout the match, but neither could score in regulation, sending the game into overtime.

Eight minutes into the second period, UNC Asheville's Greg Yelverton received a pass from Jordan Holthouser and ripped a shot from 20 yards out past Lancer keeper Bryan Sanford

(Springfield, Va./Springfield).

Freshman forward James Agorsor (Gambrells, Md./South River) led Longwood's eight shot effort with three, followed by sophomore defender Justin Williams (Richmond, Va./Godwin) with two.

Longwood held the advantage with eight corner kicks and five saves. The Lancers head home for their next match today against Lynchburg at 7 p.m. on Lancer Field.

The Lancers are led through 15 games by Bertsch, who has tallied six goals (2 game-winners) in 34 shots for a .176 shot percentage and 12 points. Bertsch has also connected on 3 of 4 penalty kicks.

Agorsor, senior forward Mark Connelly (Warrenton, Va./Fauquier) and sophomore defender Tony Soules (Springfield, Va./West

Springfield) each have two goals for Longwood, while freshman Henrik Agerskov (Denmark/Rungstead Gymnasium) and senior midfielder Shawn Spilman (Cincinnati, Ohio/Oak Hills) have one goal this season.

In the net this season, freshman keeper Justin Brock (Palo Alto, Calif./Palo Alto) (.288 gaa) has racked up 41 saves in 875 minutes for a .594 saves percentage.

Sanford (.237 gaa) has 19 saves in 495 minutes for a saves percentage of .639.

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Men's Golf Season Ends Field Hockey Defeated By No. 1 Team

Sports Information

Longwood University totaled a 54-hole team score of 295-302-310-907 to finish 13th among 18 teams at the East Carolina/Pirate Fall Intercollegiate October 20-21 in North Carolina.

NCAA Division I and tournament host East Carolina University won the event with its 882 total at the 7,033-yard, par 72 Bradford Creek Golf Club.

The event concluded the fall season for the Lancers. In North Carolina, Longwood was led by junior Trey Deal/Martinsville (Martinsville) with his score of 71-73-74-218 to tie for third-place individually among the 96 golfers.

Deal was followed by freshman Brett Chambers/Mount Sidney (Fort Defiance) (78-74-77-229, t-47th), sophomore Michael Joyce/Peterborough, Ontario (Peterborough Collegiate) (71-80-79-230, t-53rd), freshman Chris Shuford/Fredericksburg (Colonial Forge) (75-79-80-234, t-74th), along with senior Mike Nemcosky/Chesapeake (Great Bridge) (88-76-82-246, t-86th).

Longwood, coached by Kevin Fillman, enjoyed an outstanding fall covering four tournaments (198 holes), led by the first-year standout Chambers who posted a low scoring average of 71.73 with two school-record rounds of 66.

Chambers was followed by Deal (73.45, 69), Joyce (73.91, 68), senior Matt Paciocco/Richmond (Mills Godwin) (77.00, 71, 108-holes), Shuford (76.80, 74, 90-holes), Nemcosky (80.80, 76, 90-holes), sophomore Kevin Johnson/Forest (Jefferson Forest) (71.67, 69, 54-holes), along with senior Carl Magnusson/Linköping, Sweden (Katedralskolan) (75.67, 75, 54-holes).

The Lancers averaged 294.55 as a team this fall, a scoring pace that would set a new team record if it holds-up during the spring season.

Longwood is scheduled to open its spring campaign March 8-9, 2004 at the Butler/North-South Intercollegiate in Jacksonville Beach, Fla., a 36-hole event at the Jacksonville Beach Golf Club.

Sports Information

The Longwood University field hockey team dropped a 7-1 decision Saturday at No. 1 Shippensburg at Groves Stadium.

After their final road game, the Lancers fall to 6-11 while the Raiders move to 18-2.

Shippensburg came out strong in the first half, holding Longwood to only two shots while tallying four goals.

The Lancers were a lot stronger

in the second period tallying nine shots and Lorrie Watts (Fredericksburg, Va./Stafford) getting the ball past the goalie at the 17:19 mark.

However, the effort fell short as the Raiders added three more goals for the victory.

Sophomore keeper Julie Patterson (Esmont, Va./Monticello) racked up 13 saves in 70 minutes to

Shippensburg's six.

Longwood finished the match with nine shots, while Shippensburg had 19.

The Lancers headed home for their next match against Roanoke October 27 at 3 p.m. on Barlow Field.

(.194) and is first on the team with seven assists, which ranks 10th nationally and second in assists per game (.78).

Freshman forward Jen Hawkins (Virginia Beach, Va./Cox), sophomore midfielder Julie Price (Stafford, Va./North Stafford)

and sophomore midfielder Alexis Ramsey (Westminster, Calif./Marina) have five goals each while freshman midfielder Katy Lernaiah (Fredericksburg, Va./Chancellor) and senior Andrea Wilkinson (Chantilly, Va./Chantilly) have three.

Senior midfielder Erin Sixsmith (Alexandria, Va./West Potomac) is second on the squad with six assists, followed by Hawkins and sophomore Sarah Hitchings (Virginia Beach, Va./Kempville) with three.

In goals, Patterson ranks fourth nationally in saves this season with 175 stops in 1,150 minutes and has a saves percentage of .768.

"11 Lancers having found the back of the net this season"

With only two games left, Longwood continues to put up a balanced scoring attack with 11 Lancers having found the back of the net this season.

Sophomore forward Echo Naugle (Virginia Beach, Va./Princess Anne) comes off the bench to lead the Lancers with seven goals on 22 shots (.318).

Watts is next with six goals

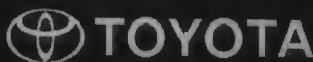
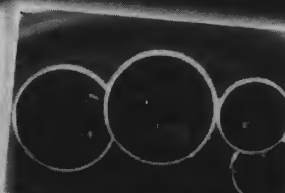
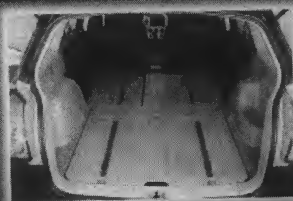
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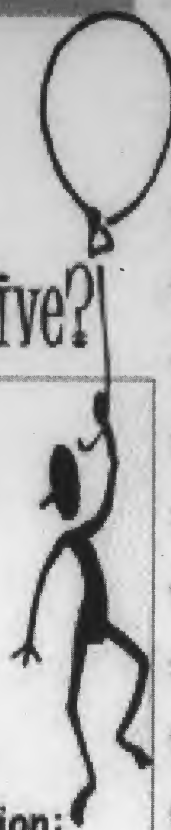
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Cheating: Harmful To Your Career?

Brette Lawrence
Staff Writer

As part of the Honor Integrity Week, Longwood University presented a panel discussion called "Will Cheating Hurt Your Career?"

This panel featured three Longwood Professors, Dr. Theresa Clark, Dr. Tim Pierson, and Dr. Wayne McWee.

The discussion began with Clark sharing several synonyms for the word cheating, which included words like dishonest, corrupt, and unethical among many other colorful words.

She explained Longwood's policy on cheating, which states that there is "no forgiveness for cheating," and that it will go on a student's record.

McWee followed by sharing the business department's policy on cheating, which states that anyone who cheats in any of that department's classes will automatically fail that course.

He went on to tell stories of students who wanted to work for the government, but could not get jobs because they had a cheating incident on their record.

Pierson described the importance of good character, and believing in yourself, and summed it up by saying, "The person who you say you are is the person you are when you're alone."

He stressed the importance of

helping Longwood maintain its excellent reputation, and that the consequences of peoples' actions can effect the entire school.

Another point brought up by Pierson was that of exuding confidence, and believing in ones' self.

He went on to describe how important this was by saying, "You're competing with the best. You have to be cowboy up. You've got to have confidence and a sense of who you are. You need to know that you were the best you could be."

Students were given a chance to ask questions of the professors about the honor and judicial system, and about cheating in general.

Each student in attendance was given a pamphlet entitled *Avoiding Plagiarism: A Guide for Longwood Students*, which contained helpful hints for students on topics such as when and when not to cite sources used.

It also had websites listed that can show students how to make a proper MLA format bibliography, as well as several examples of how and how not to do so.

The attendance at this presentation was fairly high, and those who attended the program seemed to learn a lot of important information about not only how cheating will affect their career at Longwood, but how it will affect the rest of their lives as well.



On the Verge

The cast of the new Longwood Theater production, *On the Verge*, poses for a picture during a practice.

The play is primarily about three women explorers during the year 1888.

For more information on the play and cast, please refer to the article on page 9.



Longwood's College of Education Scores High

Jennifer Wall
LJ Public Relations

Once again Longwood University has proven itself as a leader in the preparation of professional educators.

On Thursday, October 30, the joint accreditation team representing the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the Virginia Department of Education, released the report it will give the NCATE Unit Accreditation Board (UAB) and the state Board of Education, verifying that Longwood University met all NCATE and Commonwealth educator preparation standards.

The UAB will meet in March, 2004, to consider the recommendations of the team and to make the final decision on accreditation.

NCATE has accredited Longwood since 1954, when Longwood was one of the first six institutions accredited nationwide.

"The tradition of preparing high quality education professionals is embedded into the fabric and culture of the Longwood community and in our school division partners," the Dean of the College of Education and Human Services, Dr. Sue McCullough, said.

"This NCATE recommendation confirms Longwood

University's reputation for the best teacher preparation in the Commonwealth," stated Dr. Patricia Cormier, president of Longwood.

"The NCATE team left with a convincing impression of Longwood. They talked about the quality of our students, the dedication of our faculty and how well they worked together. The committee was also truly impressed with our Board of Visitors involvement in the process."

Elated with the committee's findings, Dean McCullough commended the extraordinary teamwork and dedication of the faculty and staff.

See SPIRIT p.4

"Hi-Tech" Grassroots Lobbying

Press Release

One day, young voters may visit Ashley Boyd in the General Assembly to ask her help in funding Virginia's public colleges and universities.

But now, Boyd is doing the lobbying.

She's among the leaders of a statewide student coalition that's trying, among other things, to

boost state funding of higher education by \$398 million.

The nonpartisan group is called the 21st Century Virginia Coalition, or Virginia21 for short.

It's an outgrowth of the Students of Virginia Political Action Committee, which was founded in May 2002 at the College of William and Mary.

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Words From the Editor



There is a time in everyone's life when we have to let our hair down.

The daily grind of classes and tests can wear on anyone's nerves, and we need to let loose every once in a while.

For some that means eating a pint of ice cream and watching a movie, for others it's dancing the night away at a club.

For me, it was going to a bar on a Tuesday night.

Sure, I sound like some deadbeat who has nothing else to do but waste

time sitting on a barstool, but it was pretty liberating knowing that I had a quiz the next day while hanging out with my girlfriends in downtown Richmond.

My friends and I were having such a great time chatting up the bartenders, dancing on the bar, and meeting new people; the stress of graduate school applications, tests, and papers were pushed to the back of my mind.

I could have stayed at home and watched movies while eating lots of Ben & Jerry's, but that just wouldn't do it for me.

Knowing that my homework was within five feet of my couch would be too much pressure for me to handle.

In order to truly let loose, and put all my worries aside, I had to take a road trip.

Yes, my head felt like it was going to explode the next morning, and my quiz certainly wasn't going to take itself, so after a night of debauchery it was back to the real world.

I'll tell you, with all the stress that goes along with being a senior in college, my Tuesday night escapade was what I needed.

I don't plan on making this a habit, but at least I know that there is a place I can go in Richmond when I need to unwind with some friends.

Liz Richards

Liz Richards
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The Rotunda is an equal opportunity volunteer organization and is looking for people who are interested in writing or layout. We currently have positions available and ask anyone who is interested to come to our meetings, Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

Post Hitching

I have decided that I must be psychic.

I knew the Red Sox wouldn't make it to the World Series, and the last time I wrote a column I predicted that married life would soon be filled with dirty diapers, a bald head and unbelievably small fingers.

A month and a half into the ball and chain routine, I can proudly say one thing, "My boys sure can swim!"

Before we had even finished writing thank notes for all the loot our union won us, the verdict was in - we are proud parents of a little, unrecognizable blob slowly growing in my wife's belly.

This shocking news really has proven to be life changing.

A whole gamut of emotions has surfaced over the past few weeks - fear, joy, anxiety, expectancy, worry, confusion, ambiguity, tiredness, elation, stupefaction, and on and on.

And, that's not even including the emotions my wife is going through.

I suddenly find myself worrying about putting money away for

a college education before I have even begun to pay off my own.

Despite having an ultrasound, multiple books on parenthood and baby names, and growing collection of tiny booties and mittens, I am still having a hard time

abilities seem to be gone for good.

See my wife's life revolved around hourly coffee fixes before this whole pregnancy thing started.

Now, she worries about half a cup of decaf a day, not to mention the pack and half of cigarettes that we have both had to learn to do without.

Add to this constant tiredness, raging hormones, constant bathroom trips, morning sickness and random outbursts of tears, and I never know what to expect when I walk in the door.

And she can't even have a drink at the end



adjusting to the fact that I am going to be a father.

Not that it is a bad thing, quite the contrary; it is the best thing that has ever happened to me.

Which is why it might be so hard to accept.

How can I be a father?

Luckily I have some time to come to grips with wonderful reality, which is maybe one of the reasons that gestation lasts for nine months.

I have accepted that my psychic

of the day.

At least I know I will be able to find a job when this is all over.

I am sure they need social workers in Hell's Kitchen, and I will already have experience working with kids and craving addicts.

Nick Elmes

Nick Elmes
Assistant Editor

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Patriot Act Flaws are Hard to Ignore

Shawn Garrett
Staff Writer

"Civil libertarians," to quote the recent anonymous article "US Patriot Act not a Violation of Civil Liberties" [Opinion, Oct. 23], I assume means those who support the defense and preservation of the individual rights and liberties guaranteed to all people in this country by the Constitution and laws of the United States. If it does, if this is the correct interpretation of this phrase, then I wonder who among us would feel compelled to distance themselves from this label? As one who enjoys the rights that his country's constitution affords him, I suppose I can be considered a "civil libertarian" and therefore feel I am in a position to respond to the recent opinion article.

House Resolution 3162, the Patriot Act, expands the government's ability to use new and heightened surveillance, investigation and interrogation techniques to combat terrorism generally, and domestic terrorism specifically. Most of the changes to surveillance law made by the Patriot Act were part of a longstanding law enforcement wish list that had been previously rejected by Congress, in some cases repeatedly.

The Senate version of the Patriot Act, which bore a striking resemblance to the legislation requested by Attorney General John Ashcroft, went straight to the floor with no discussion, debate, or hearings, as are granted to all laws. Many Senators on both sides of the aisle complained that they had little chance to read it, much less analyze it, before having to vote.

In the House, hearings were held, and a carefully constructed compromise emerged from the Judiciary Committee. Suddenly however, with no debate or consultation with rank-and-file members, the House leadership threw out the compromise bill and replaced it with legislation that mirrored the Senate version. Neither discussion

nor amendments were permitted, and once again members barely had time to read the thick bill before they were forced to cast an up-or-down vote on it.

The Bush Administration implied that members who voted against it would be blamed for any further attacks - a powerful threat at a time when the nation was expecting a second attack to come at any moment and when reports of new anthrax letters were appearing daily.

Congress and the Administration acted without any careful or systematic effort to determine whether weaknesses in our surveillance laws had contributed to the attacks, or whether the changes they were making would help prevent further attacks. Indeed, many of the act's provisions have nothing at all to do with terrorism.

In response to the accusation that few details have surfaced as to the specific nature of groups, such as the ACLU, concerns, the following is a list of specific problems identified within the Act:

Section 213 of the Patriot Act amends USC 18, section 3103 so that notification of the issuance of a warrant of search and seizure may be delayed if "1) the court finds reasonable cause to believe that providing immediate notification of the execution of the warrant may have an adverse result (as defined in section 2705); 2) the warrant prohibits the seizure of any tangible property, any wire or electronic communication (as defined in section 2510), or, except as expressly provided in chapter 121, any stored wire or electronic information, except where the court finds reasonable necessity for the seizure; and 3) the warrant provides for the giving of such notice within a reasonable period of its execution, which period may thereafter be extended by the court for good cause shown."

This means that a warrant to

search your home does not have to be issued to you before the search (or at any definite time afterwards) if telling you they have court authority for the search would result in (from section 2705) "(A) endangering the life or physical safety of an individual; (B) flight from prosecution; (C) destruction of or tampering with evidence; (D) intimidation of potential witnesses; or (E) otherwise seriously jeopardizing an investigation or unduly delaying a trial" (as if their busting down the door wouldn't result in some of that anyway); or if the warrant does not allow the seizure of electronically stored information; or if the warrant demands you be notified of its issuance. This means no warrant issued has to be made aware to citizens. This allows the Justice department to search and seize anything at any time and never give a reason.

Section 215 of the Patriot Act amends sections 501-503 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, specifically, section (c)2 to read "An order under this subsection shall not disclose that it is issued under purposes of an investigation described in subsection (a)." The kind of investigation described in subsection (a) is a confiscation of any tangible things (books, records, papers, documents, and other items) kept by U.S. businesses that are suspected of terrorist ties. The orders for the production of such items no longer need to divulge the purpose of their confiscation. This means law enforcement can confiscate anything they wish from any business and never give a reason.

It goes on to hinder the free speech of any person searched under the Act by declaring that "(d) No person shall disclose to any other person (other than those persons necessary to produce the tangible things under this section) that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has sought or obtained tangible things under this section." A person or organization forced to turn over the

props and drops

Props:

- + To Nick's baby!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- + To 25-cent drafts, 10-cent tacos, and hottie bartenders in Richmond.
- + To solving the second Da Vinci code.
- + To good advisors.
- + To Clarissa finally getting good 1,000 pages into the novel.
- + To flip flops in November.
- + To *Pirates of the Caribbean* finally making it to the dollar theatre in Lynchburg! (Now I can see it 5 more times)

Drops:

- To not so sweet suitemates leaving plastic spiders in your bed.
- To people who spit in the Grainger stairwell (what is your damage?).
- To English Education failing to get accredited.
- To registration: the worst hour of the semester.

Speak Out

When do YOU think Brock Commons will be completed?



"Hopefully, sometime before graduation."
~Courtney Redmond



"December 4th at 8:36 a.m."
~Wes Specey



"I hope it's done soon because all that noise is getting on my nerves, it's terrible."
~Andrew Peden



"Um, what year are we in, 2003? Honestly I think it will be done fall 2004."
~Antwayne Mitchell

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records is prohibited from disclosing the search to anyone. As a result of this gag order, the subjects of surveillance never even find out that their personal records have been examined by the government. This means that use of counsel against such actions is prohibited. Discussing the search and seizure with a lawyer constitutes disclosure. Effectively, fighting the government's actions becomes a crime, giving the Justice department free rein.

What's more, attorney-client privilege, doctor-patient privilege and any other association in which communication between two parties is held in confidence is no longer a problem for the government. Section (c) states, "A person who, in good faith, produces tangible things under an order pursuant to this section shall not be liable to any other person for such production. Such production shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of any privilege in any other proceeding or context."

The wording sounds like it protects doctors and lawyers and such from lawsuits brought on accusations of breaking their client's confidentiality, when it in fact means that such a breach is no longer a crime if done under the auspices of the Patriot Act.

The government is no longer required to prove that persons searched for terrorism investigations are agents of a foreign power, nor do they have to prove that such searches are related to criminal activity, much less probable cause.

All that needs to be made is the broad assertion that the search is related to ongoing terrorism investigations.

The role of the courts is made nearly completely impotent. All that

needs to happen, as said above, is that the government must certify that the searches are necessary. The judge is not even granted the authority to accept or reject the granting of the warrant. As the anonymous article pointed out, surveillance orders can be based in part on a person's First Amendment activities, such as the books they read, the Web sites they visit, or a letter to the editor they have written.

A person or organization forced to turn over records is prohibited from disclosing the search to anyone. As a result of this gag order, the subjects of surveillance never even find out that their personal records have been examined by the government. That undercuts an important check and balance on this power: the ability of individuals to challenge illegitimate searches.

The article also discussed wiretaps. Under the Patriot Act, the FBI can secretly conduct a wiretap on American citizens to obtain evidence of crime without proving probable cause, as the Fourth Amendment explicitly requires.

A 1978 law called the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) created an exception to the Fourth Amendment's requirement for probable cause when the purpose of a wiretap or search was to gather foreign intelligence.

The rationale was that since the search was not conducted for the purpose of gathering evidence to put someone on trial, the standards could be loosened. In a stark demonstration of why it can be dangerous to create exceptions to fundamental rights, however, the Patriot Act expanded this once-narrow exception to cover wiretaps and searches that DO collect evidence for regular domestic criminal cases. FISA previously allowed

searches only if the primary purpose was to gather foreign intelligence. But the Patriot Act changes the law to allow searches when "a significant purpose" is intelligence. That lets the government circumvent the Constitution's probable cause requirement even when its main goal is ordinary law enforcement.

The eagerness of many in law enforcement to dispense with the requirements of the Fourth Amendment was revealed in August 2002 by the secret court that oversees domestic intelligence spying (the "FISA Court"). Making public one of its opinions for the first time in history, the court revealed that it had rejected an attempt by the Bush Administration to allow criminal prosecutors to use intelligence warrants to evade the Fourth Amendment entirely. The court also noted that agents applying for warrants had regularly filed false and misleading information. That opinion is now on appeal.

Finally, anonymous states that "Although the Justice Department and other officials could subpoena records from the library to see who read *Catcher in the Rye* in 1993, it is not very likely they will, let alone whether a judge would issue a warrant for such a request."

I wonder, anonymous, why create laws that would never be acted on? Perhaps we should amend the Constitution to say that soldiers can be quartered in your home, or that the right to vote can be denied to blacks if the states wish to, or that on every leap year, the President can federalize the national guard to seek out and murder the first born in every state whose electoral votes he or she did not win in the previous election.

I mean none of these would actually be carried out, but why not, just for fun?

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"This was truly a team effort of the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Education and Human Services, and a true team success."

"In addition to the Longwood team work, we cannot say enough about our school division partners who support our field experiences and partner with us to achieve goals that benefit each of us," continued Dean McCullough.

Superintendents from seven school divisions, principals, regional leaders, and teachers traveled to Longwood to meet with the accreditation teams. Members of the team also visited in the Prince Edward and Charlotte County school divisions interviewing student teachers, Partnership students, cooperating teachers and principals.

"Mike Willis, superintendent of the Cumberland school division, came after a tough day at work and in the driving rain to report to the NCATE team that Longwood is a true partner with Cumberland County Schools.

He reported on the difference Longwood has made in increased SOL scores and about the positive effect the

Partnership students and professors have on that school system," concluded Dean McCullough. After hearing of the successful NCATE report, Superintendent Willis reported, "Longwood does produce the best teachers in the state. If I could, I would hire every one of its education majors!"

Dr. Barbara Chesler and Dr. Gary Nelson, NCATE Co-ordinators, along with Dr. Judy Johnson, associate dean, were recognized for their intense work effort in the review process.

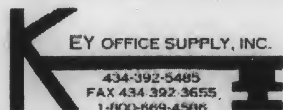
NCATE is the professional accrediting organization for schools, colleges, and departments of education in the United States.

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Jonathan Perok is September's RA Of The Month. This is his first year as an RA, and he is responsible for 60 co-ed first year students. In the brief one-month period that Jonathan has been an RA, he has dealt with a variety of challenging situations. However, Jonathan has handled the stress and repercussions that come with confrontation in a stellar fashion. Congratulations to Jonathan Perok, RA of Cox/Wheeler halls.



"If it weren't for my horse, I wouldn't have spent that year in college."

- Lewis Black

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Boyd, who lives in Chesapeake's Western Branch section, and other Virginia21 leaders have been preparing for Tuesday's General Assembly elections by urging students to vote or, if they can't get to the polls, to cast an absentee ballot.

"We want to show Virginia politicians that students really can make a difference in an election," said Boyd, who attends Christopher Newport University and plans to go to law school.

Virginia21 leaders believe the way to get more students interested in politics is to bring higher education issues to the forefront.

While many young people don't vote, they often volunteer for community service.

"That's because they can see the result. Someone is fed when they scoop food in a soup kitchen," said Jesse Ferguson, the 22-year-old executive director of Virginia21.

"So we're trying to bridge the community service-politics gap by making politics relevant to students' daily lives."

For instance, when tuition hikes are the issue.

Another key to getting students involved is to use the Internet, Virginia21 leaders say.

"Our generation is very technology oriented. We're used to doing everything online," Boyd said.

So Virginia21 has just launched the "VA21 Online Action Center," an elaborate, but user-friendly, Web site - www.virginia21.org.

The Website includes a directory of General Assembly members with e-mail links, a survey of candidates on education issues, and a petition demanding more state money for colleges and universities.

"We call the petition drive 'e-Storm the Statehouse,'" said 22-year-old Jesse Ferguson, a 2003 graduate of William and Mary and the executive director of

Virginia21.

Virginia21 isn't relying solely on technology.

The coalition also relies on old-fashioned word of mouth.

"Surprisingly, the best tactic is peer-to-peer, friend to friend," Ferguson said.

And Virginia21 plans to arrange meetings between students and General Assembly members during the winter break and 2004 legislative session.

The message Virginia21 is circulating on campuses goes something like this: "Are you sick of seeing your college's budget being cut and your favorite professors leaving for other states? We've been silent on these issues far too long. Let's get involved."

At Old Dominion University, Virginia21 liaisons have used music events to connect with fellow students.

"Then we turn off the music and people start turning their heads to see what's going on. That's when we start talking about the issues," said Karl Grandel, a junior study-

ing civil-engineering at ODU and president of the student body.

So far, Virginia21 is active at Virginia's 15 four-year public colleges and universities, Ferguson said.

The organization plans to lobby at community colleges next year and private institutions after that, he said.

Ferguson says the campaign is catching on.

As of Friday, more than 1,200 students had signed the e-petition. Also, Virginia21 claims to have helped over 3,000 students apply for absentee ballots for Tuesday's elections.

The idea sounds good, said Adam Anthony of the national Campaign for Young Voters and a William and Mary grad. But persuading General Assembly members to act takes patience, Anthony said. "They'll have to be persistent for the long term."

Then again, student leaders like Ashley Boyd already are looking ahead to the day they might be in charge.

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Tuesday, November 18, 2003 (with Wellness Program)	7:00pm	Curry Commons
Thursday, November 20, 2003	11:30 - 1:30 pm	Lancaster 319
Monday, December 1, 2003 (Will be part of the Hampden-Sydney vs. Longwood Basketball Game)	6:15pm-7:30pm, and Halftime	Lancer

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If you have any questions, please call x2102

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LP Movie
Terminator 3
7:30 p.m.
ABC Rooms

Express Yourself!
Open Mic Night
Cafe
10 p.m.

Tuesday
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SGA Meeting
Lankford ABC Rooms
3:45 p.m.

Resume and Cover
Letter Writing
Career Center
7- 8 p.m.

Saturday
8

**Carbon Leaf w/
Junction**
Lancer Hall
8 p.m.

Men's Soccer
@Mercer
7 p.m.

Wednesday
12

Professional
Etiquette Dinner
Salon A
5:30- 7:30 p.m.

Martial Arts Club
Tabb Wrestling Room
7:30- 9:30 p.m.

Sunday
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Gyre Meeting
Charlotte Room
6 p.m.

WMLU Meeting
Hiner 207
9 p.m.

Monday
10

Job Search
Strategy Workshop
Career Center
5- 6 p.m.

Young Democrats
Stevens 103
6 p.m.

Outdoor Club
Lancer 208
7 p.m.

Men's Basketball
@Liberty
7 p.m.

Thursday
13

Baptist Student Union
Behind Stubbs
5:15 p.m.

Careers in
Communications
Grainger 116
7- 8 p.m.

Basic Gospel Choir
Wygall 106
7 p.m.

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Grainger G16
8 p.m.

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Nineteen Sixty-six... A Kicky Kind of Year

From the February 15, 1967 issue of *The Rotunda* 1966 was a year of schizophrenia with pizzazz, according to the University of Kansas *Daily Kansan*.

It was the year that launched the Yellow Submarine, the *Kansan* noted, then almost sank John Lennon.

It was the year skirts went up and hair came down. Men cheered the change, even if it meant girls had to roll two feet of hair on soup cans. Tom the Peepster never had it so good when girls tried to sit down in their thigh-high mini-skirts. Modesty died an awkward death.

And it was the year topless clubs spread coast to coast, but one club, apparently unsure that the body was really all that beautiful, asked patrons to sign a statement saying their morals weren't being corrupted.

In passing, it was a good year, if you weren't 1-A, afraid of becoming 1-A, or in Vietnam. The emphasis was on youth, and adults responded. Sometimes this response caused a few

lifted eyebrows, however.

Justice William O. Douglas married a 23-year-old college co-ed, Cathleen Heffernan, and Congressional tongues wagged. Frank Sinatra married that 21-year-old Peyton Place kid and got a few sly winks. The oldsters were acting like youngsters.

Using imagination all their own, the kids turned the tables. Old movies, silent movies, monster movies became a fad. The Bogie cult came on like gangbusters. Even clothing fell into step.

London mods, short on money but rich in imagination, discovered second-hand stores and the Salvation Army look. Girls looked like soldiers or sailors of pieces of high-fashion tinfoil. Shiny silver dresses and accessories became a New York rage, and women wore enough metal to make the U.S. Treasury envious.

It was also the year of the accessory with a message; lapel buttons sounded the sentiments of the moment. Campus

wits wore buttons proclaiming, "Hire the morally handicapped" or "Custer died for your sins." Then there was the button that read, "God is not dead; He just doesn't want to get involved."

And was God dead? If he were the controversy over His demise generated almost enough heat to assure a second coming.

Like God, folk music went underground, and a new, homogenized sound: folk rock—rose to the surface. Enter musical groups with bizarre names and bizarre but often beautiful sounds, like the Mamas and the Papas, Simon and Garfunkel.

And in 1966, Camp didn't really die, it just went on the tube. In his superkeen Batmobile with Robin at his side, Batman roared into the vast wasteland and was greeted with the biggest howl heard in a long time. Everyone over age nine knew it was designed to be High Camp... or was it?

So for 12 months it went—a very fine madness and a kicky kind of year.

Letters From London

Paula Nusbaum
Staff Writer

Six more weeks to go. While the novelty of London has started to wear off I'm still having a great time here.

I have two papers due this week so I'm starting to get stressed. It's so easy to forget about homework here since there aren't that many assignments.

This past weekend I went on my first International trip. CEA took us to Ostend and Brugge in Belgium. We left early Saturday morning and got back late Sunday evening.

Ostend was a small city, especially when compared to London, but had its own charm. There were a lot of little shops selling clothes or chocolates.

The oddest thing I noticed were that there were a lot of dogs. Not just any dogs, but really small, petite dogs, that you could easily carry in a bag.

I was really put off when I was shopping and noticed that the dog owners were bringing their pets into the stores.

Strange, but apparently not uncommon since I was the only one that seemed to notice.

The next day we went to Brugge. We got a tour from a local Belgian, he took us around to all the historical spots around the city.

My favorite story of the tour was

about an old cannon with a Latin saying inscribed in the wall above it.

The story goes that a long time ago some foreign king wanted to invade Brugge.

This king took his army and headed in for invasion when he realized he was far outmatched and proceeded to skip out as fast as he could.

He was in such a hurry that he left behind one of his cannons, which was seized in victory by the Belgians.

The Latin saying above the cannon describes the king's retreat with, "He came, he saw, he left."

Belgium is basically known for four goods: lace, beer, chocolate, and mussels. So I bought a lace Christmas ornament for my mom, and bought chocolate. That was pretty much all there was to do.

After lunch I decided to go off on my own for a while and ended up being lost for about two hours.

The scariest thing was that I was lost among these deserted streets and alleys and there wasn't a single person in the area, nor could I hear any cars or horses.

It was like being in a science fiction movie where you're the last person alive on Earth.

The biggest news event in the last week has been a strike by the postal service. Therefore, the mail has stopped being delivered and there are

many delays.

I called my parents to warn them in case they had sent anything, but they assured me that they hadn't sent any mail nor had they planned to in the future, so not to worry.

The mail here is dealt with differently than at home. Our mail is delivered to our residence halls, and from there is separated into hall boxes. So whenever you open the box for mail and get excited that it might be for you, you are almost always disappointed.

And consequently the person who does get mail is secretly envied by everyone else on the hall. It's a lose-lose situation.

I got my first grade back on Monday. It was a 67 for my Introduction to Linguistics class. I was shocked because I thought I had done good work.

A classmate explained to me that the grading system is different in the UK, and that 67 is like an A- in the US, so I was relieved. Apparently, English teachers rarely grade above the 70 mark.

I'm very excited, because my twin brother, Donnie, who is a senior at George Mason University is going to be visiting me during the Thanksgiving break. He's a lot of fun to go around with and likes museums so it should be fun.

It's something to look forward to, since I miss my friends and family from home.

Ambassador Spotlight

By Emily Miller

This week I have a bit of trivia about Longwood. The first two people with the correct answers will receive prizes! Email me at elmiller@longwood.edu with the answers.

1. On what date (day and year) was Longwood University (then known as The Farmville Female Seminary) founded?
2. How did Longwood get its name?
3. What year did Longwood become coeducational?
4. Which residence halls are female only?
5. Which building houses the President's Office?

Correct answers will be in next week's edition of the Rotunda! Have fun and good luck

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by Sam Wise-Ridges

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Tongue in Cheek

by Ellie Woodruff




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On the Verge of Production

Bobbi Thibo
Staff Writer

After a successful production of *Everyman*, the theater department here at Longwood already has another show underway.

Students and staff members are hard at work in preparation for *On the Verge*.

Directed by Pam Arkin the cast includes Brad Tuggle, Anna Richardson, Courtney Kappel, Mel McConnel, Maggie Szydlowski, (stage manager), Kyle Ankiel, (assistant stage manager), Pat Ness, (costume designer), and Eric Koger.

Set in 1888, the play focuses on three women explorers who

have visions of the future.

This play, as explained by Pam Arkin, promotes three "strong, intelligent, and adventurous" women characters. "We [women] have made great strides and this play highlights that," she said.

The single male actor, Tuggle, has eight roles, which represent the relationships women have with men.

Rehearsing since the beginning of October, the cast and crew have come a long way.

The research that has gone into this show is endless.

The strong language in the script has required hours of studying definitions, as well as research of cultures and social

norms during different time periods.

The actors are now "off book," meaning their lines are from memorization without the script.

Although they've come far, there is still much to do before opening night on Wednesday, November 19, 2003.

"It's a matter of rehearsing with the costumes. The girls aren't used to wearing corsets, petticoats, and long skirts. They need to continue practicing wearing their corsets and costumes," Szydlowski said.

With its strong story line, beautiful language, and comical charm, *On the Verge* will definitely be a show you won't want to miss out on.

"Despite the amount of work and time that goes into this show, working with Pam and the cast and crew is amazing. The script by itself is incredible, so add to it all the people making it come alive to make it the best show Longwood has seen in a long time," said Szydlowski.

Movie Review: 28 Days Later

Stacie Klutz
Staff Writer

hospital to discover that he has slept through the whole ordeal.

If the zombies attacked and infected those in the hospital, why would they leave just him? Of course there must be a hero to every thriller.

As the story unfolds, Jim finds that the streets of London are empty except a few survivors he eventually teams up with.

What is most disturbing is that no matter who the character is, Selena, one of the survivors, will beat them to death if she believes they are infected.

Save your money, and do not attempt to see the film.

If you like to watch images of violence and gore, than this is the film for you. But personally, as a fan of horror flicks, I was disappointed with the story line and with the cheesy ending. If I had to give this movie a rating, I would give it 3 negative stars for being the worst movie I have seen all summer.

However, though I may not enjoy the film, you perhaps may disagree. The film can be rented at your local movie store and is rated R for strong violence and gore, nudity, language.

Early in this sci-fi film, director Danny Boyle presents disturbing images of chimpanzees engaged in a small, dusty laboratory. Civilians attempt to set the chimps free after learning about the location, but soon find these animals carry the infectious disease that is about to destroy all of London.

The disease, transmitted through blood, results in humans spewing blood, and becoming red-eyed, turbo-charged zombies on a hunt to kill those who enter their path.

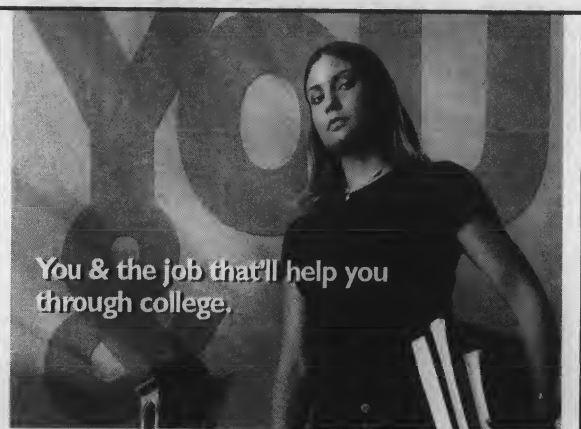
Honestly, let's cut to the chase. This movie sucks!

In the words of one student here at Longwood, "This had to be the worst movie ever made." And I wonder why: it was cheaply made with camera angles so jostled that scenes were more disoriented than they were scary. The music playing during the scenes frightened me more than zombies running around with red eyes.

During the plot, the protagonist Jim, played by Gillian Murphy, wakes from a coma in an empty

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Munson, Powell Close Careers

Sports Information

A pair of seniors closed-out their Longwood careers as Phoebe Munson and Gina Powell played their final matches for the Lancers.

Munson (74 career games) completed a record-setting four-years as the women's soccer program's career leader in goals (46) and points (111), ranking third in career assists (19).

She also holds school-records for single-match goals (4) and assists (4). Powell (74 career games) finished her career with seven goals and five assists for 19 points.

Longwood was 51-19-4 (.716%) over the past four years. Longwood enjoyed two separate three-game winning streaks this

season, and earned two wins over Division I competition - defeating Elon University 2-1



and Virginia Military Institute 5-1.

Overall, the Lancers were 2-3-1 against their six Division I opponents this season.

Unfortunately, this is the first

time since the program began in 1994 (5-6-0) that the squad did not reach at least 10 wins in a season.

However, 10-year veteran head coach Todd Dyer, a 1993 graduate of Longwood, has compiled an impressive career coaching record of 123-53-9 for a winning percentage of .689 percent since beginning the program 10 years ago.

Longwood could return as many as 22 letterwinners for the 2004 campaign as the Lancers will enter the second year of the institution's four-year reclassification period toward Division I certification in 2007.

Longwood will be required to meet the Division I scheduling requirements next year, including a minimum of 11 Division I opponents in women's soccer.

Equestrian Team Competes in Two Shows

Will Pettus Sports Editor

The Longwood University equestrian team competed in their second and third IHSA (Intercollegiate Horse Show Association) show of the 2003-04 season this past weekend at Randolph-Macon Woman's College and Hollins University.

On Friday October 31 twelve riders from the Longwood equestrian team competed against Bridgewater College, Hollins University, James Madison University, Lynchburg College, Radford University, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, The University of Virginia, and Washington and Lee University at the Randolph-Macon Woman's College riding center in Lynchburg, Virginia.

The members rode in both over fence jumping events and on the flat walk and canter events. Eight riders placed in these events.

On Sunday, November 2, the riders from the Longwood equestrian team rode at Hollins University against a number of region IV teams.

Six of the Longwood team members placed in this IHSA

event.

The team is coached by KC Heran of Boston, Mass. They have four more IHSA shows this year. The next one will be held



Caitlin Moore with her Third Place ribbon at last Friday's show.

November 15 at JMU's riding center.

There are still spots available on the team for any student interested in English Riding.

You may contact either Carly Buttram at cabuttra@longwood.edu or Jenn Farneth at

jvfarnet@longwood.edu if you are interested in joining the team.

Results from Randolph Macon Women's College show on Friday:

Carly Buttram: 2nd in Advanced Walk/Trot/Canter

Caitlin Moore: 3rd in Novice

Equitation on flat

Erin Konrad: 6th in Advanced

Walk/Trot/Canter

Erin Wilson: 2nd in Advanced

Walk/Trot/Canter

Jenn Farneth: 2nd in Advanced

Walk/Trot/Canter

Tricia Engle: 4th in

walk/trot

Emily Hillard: 5th in

walk/trot

Alex McCabe: 6th in

Advanced Walk/Trot/Canter

Results of the Hollins University show:

Katherine Sammons: 6th in

Intermediate equitation over

fences and 6th in intermedi-

ate flat

Kate Brandenburg: 2nd in

novice equitation over fences

Andrea Noseck: 5th in novice

equitation over fences

Tiffany Smith: 4th in Advanced

Walk/Trot/Canter

Erin Konrad: 3rd in Advanced

Walk/Trot/Canter

Erin Wilson: 5th in Advanced

Walk/Trot/Canter

Tricia Engle: 5th in Walk/Trot

Field Hockey Team Ends Season with Two Victories

Sports Information

The Longwood University field hockey team finished out the 2003 season with two home victories over Roanoke and C.W. Post. The Lancers finished the season with an overall record of 8-11, including a 2-1 home mark and 3-0 in neutral territory.

On Monday, the Lancers battled through rainy conditions and managed to upend visiting Roanoke College 6-1 on Barlow Field. Senior midfielder Erin Sixsmith (Alexandria, Va./West Potomac) started off the Lancers' scoring nine minutes into

the first half off of a pass from freshman midfielder Katy Lernihan (Fredericksburg, Va./Chancellor). Junior forward Lorrie Watts (Fredericksburg, Va./Stafford) scored at the 23:95 mark when she dribbled past the goalie and shot the ball into the back of the cage. Sophomore midfielder Alexis Ramey (Westminster, Calif./Marina) made it 3-0 going into the half connecting on a cross from sophomore midfielder Marina Sizow (Virginia Beach, Va./Kempsville). Ramey and Sizow See **HOCKEY** p.11

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Week Nine Develops Playoff Pictures

Pat Sullivan
Staff Writer

It's the end of week nine and everyone has played at least half of their regular season games and the playoff picture is starting to come in a little more clearly, which is more than can be said for some teams quarterback position.

Two teams, the Broncos who lost to NEPATs and the Raiders who lost to Detroit, are playing with their third string quarterbacks due to injuries.

Also, if Patrick Ramsey continues to have to leave games for medical attention, Washington might soon get added to this list.

Even after a bye week in Cleveland the debate over Couch and Holcombe still rages on.

Two teams that seemed to have settled their problems at quarterback are Chicago who won against San Diego with Chris Chandler and St. Louis with Marc Bulger even after

their loss to San Francisco.

Speaking of San Francisco, some fans may now join in Terrell Owens call for Tim Rattey to replace Pro-Bowler Jeff Garcia.

If the formerly 6-0 Vikings drop a third game after the loss against the Packers this week, it will be interesting to see how long it takes fans to start chanting Gus Frerotte's name.

Elsewhere around the NFL two powerhouses, the Colts and Dolphins, played with the Colts winning. Indianapolis managed a win against the Dolphins.

In a battle between the two New York teams that share a stadium in New Jersey, the Giants managed to beat the Jets in overtime.

Houston was able to pull out yet another fourth quarter win against Carolina.

The current Super Bowl champs again fail to win back-to-back games as former Cavalier Aaron Brooks and the Saints trash the Buccaneers.

The Ravens were able to extend their AFC North lead with a win against the struggling Jaguars and losses by Cincinnati and Pittsburgh to Arizona and Seattle, respectively.

Player of the Week: If cruel irony is your thing, check this out. Michael Vick is suffering from the same injury that sidelined Donavon McNabb for eight weeks last year and returned just in time to beat Vick and Falcons in the playoffs.

McNabb scorched the Falcons secondary again to get 312 yards and his first touchdown pass to a wide receiver, not to mention a win.

Tell Me When: ... will Michael Vick come back? After Atlanta's loss to Philly it becomes clear they need Vick. Problem is, Vick doesn't feel up to coming back even though his wounds are healed and he's finished with rehab. The former Hokie says he will be ready by Dec. 7, maybe. Suck it up Mike and get out there!

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teamed up to score again early in the second half, giving Longwood a 4-0 advantage. Sophomore midfielder Julie Price (Stafford, Va./North Stafford) put one in the net at the 50:50 mark as sophomore forward Sarah Hitchings (Virginia Beach, Va./Kempsville) crossed the ball into the middle of the field. Sixsmith scored Longwood's final goal, converting a pass from Price at the 60:50 mark. Roanoke's lone goal was the result of Kelly Lyons connecting on a penalty shot with less than three minutes left.

Sophomore keeper Julie Patterson (Esmont, Va./Monticello) racked up three saves for the Lancers, all in the second half, while Maroon keeper Beth Litchy tallied three as well. Longwood held the advantage in shots 16-4 and in penalty corners 15-9.

On Sunday, Longwood ended the season on a positive note, defeating visiting C.W. Post 1-0 on Senior Day at Barlow Field.

During the first period of action, Watts failed to convert a penalty shot three minutes into the game. Both teams continued to battle the remainder of the first stanza and

into the second period. Just as it was looking like the teams were going into overtime, Watts converted a cross from Price with seven minutes left to give Longwood the 1-0 victory.

Longwood held the advantage on shots 12-8 and penalty corners 9-6. Watts led Longwood with 5 shots, followed by freshman forward Jen Hawkins (Virginia Beach, Va./Cox) and Ramey with two each. Patterson played all 70 minutes for the Lancers and recorded four saves. Pioneer keeper Christy Gardner tallied nine saves in 70 minutes.

Longwood continued to bring up the last line a balanced scoring attack through the end of the season with 11 Lancers having found the back of the net this season. Watts led the Lancers with eight goals and seven assists, which puts her in second place nationally. Ramey and sophomore forward Echo Naugle (Virginia Beach, Va./Princess Anne) are next with seven goals. Price has six goals, while Hawkins has five. Sixsmith is second on the squad with six assists, followed by Hawkins and Price with four.

In goal, Patterson ranks third nationally in saves this season with 182 stops in 1,290 minutes and has a saves percentage of .771.

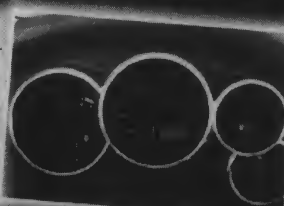
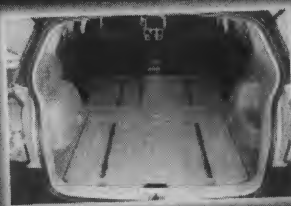
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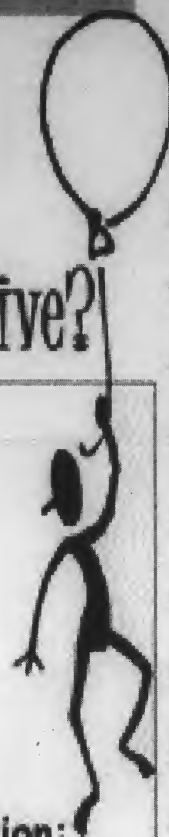
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Teddy Bear Run is a Success

Kelly Fischer and Stacey Klutz
Staff Writers

The 21st Annual Teddy Bear Run was held on November 1st, 2003 at the Richmond Children's Hospital.

Every Fall, the Richmond Children's Hospital holds the event to collect teddy bears for the children at the hospital. The Teddy Bear Run is sponsored by the Blue Knights and Kappa Delta Sorority.

The Blue Knights are a motorcycle club of law enforcement officers and they participate in the parade of motorcycles and classic cars that occurs on the day of Teddy Bear Run.

There were up to 1,000 motorcycles and cars involved in the parade, and afterwards Kappa Delta Sorority was invited for a tour of the hospital and lunch.

They have donated more than \$1 million dollars to the

Children's Hospital. Other regional area chapters of Kappa Delta were there along with Longwood's Alpha Chapter; Kappa Deltas from Lynchburg, UVA, and UNC Wilmington.

The parade of Blue Knights began at 1 p.m. and continued until 2:30 p.m. in the afternoon.

Several Kappa Deltas joined in the fun by hopping on the backs of the motorcycles and riding through the parade.

The Children's Hospital also has other events for the kids such as a Halloween Party and an Easter Egg Hunt in the spring.

If anyone wants to contact the Hospital for possible treatment, the website is <http://childrenshosp-richmond.org>.

There is a contact sheet on the website as well as all the treatment information available at the Hospital.



Nomini Hall Dig Done by 101 Honors Anthropology Class

On October 23, 2003, Dr. James Jordan led his Honors Introduction to Anthropology class to Westmoreland County on an archaeological excavation at Nomini Hall.

The Arnest family, descendants of the famous Carter family of Virginia, currently lives at Nomini Hall. The students resided at the Longwood farm donated by Longwood Alumni Mary Farley Ames Lee.

During the three day trip, the students visited many historical sites including the Yecomico Church, the birthplace of George Washington, the childhood home of General Robert E. Lee, and the remains of a slave cemetery near Nomini Hall.

Here, the students are shown digging at the location chosen for this semester's trip. They are excavating what is believed to be the remnants of one of the cabins of over 500 slaves owned by the Carter family.

Officer Sandy's Gonna Kick Your Ass And now so can many Longwood students

On October 21st Lambda Alpha Epsilon, the criminal justice honor society at Longwood, hosted a self-defense seminar for all members of the University community.

The photograph shows Longwood public safety officer Sandra B. Hall demonstrating the technique to escape from a bear hug from someone who is much bigger than the victim.

The bear-hugger is L.A.E. Vice-President Brian Bowman. Approximately 30 persons attended the seminar.

L.A.E. meets Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m. in the Longwood Library to discuss criminal justice issues.

For specific meeting information, contact the society at red83eviator@hotmail.com.



New Men's Basketball Head Coach

Amanda Segni
Staff Writer

Besides the excitement of moving into Division I status, Longwood University also welcomes the arrival of the new Men's Basketball Head Coach, Mike Gillian.

Gillian came to Longwood this year from George Mason University, where he spent six years as an Assistant Head Coach.

Gillian jumped at the opportunity to come to Longwood, not only for the chance to become a Head Coach, but also, he said, "For the opportunity to be a Division I Head Coach."

This will be a transitional year for Longwood Basketball, slowly moving into Division I status and adjusting to this

level of playing.

"Next year will be the first full Division I year in terms of schools we play," Gillian stated.

Longwood will be playing against three Division I teams this season, including Radford University, South Carolina State, and Liberty University.

"Those [Division I teams] will be some of our toughest games," Gillian remarks.

When asked what he sees for this season, Gillian replies, "All of the teams will be quality opponents, so it is hard to say who will be better than others."

However, Gillian was quick to add, "Other than the Division I games, Hampden-Sydney will be our toughest opponent."

Despite this new Division I

status and games with new and challenging opponents, Gillian is optimistic about this season and the seasons to come.

"I plan to teach and coach them in a way to be successful," Gillian stated.

Gillian is preparing his team for the new and exciting change to Division I and believes Longwood can be successful in this venture.

"Since we are moving into Division I, we are going to continue to recruit players that can play at that level in order to be successful," Gillian said.

He is enjoying life in Farmville and loves working at Longwood, as well as with the Men's Basketball team.

Gillian said, "I love the working environment and all the progress that is being made."

Words From the Editor



If you are like me, or most seniors in college around the country, you've been thinking about what to do after graduation.

Personally, I've been contemplating graduate school, but I have no clue where to apply or if the schools I like will even admit me.

There is the choice of going out of state, but then tuition and fees double.

When every penny is coming out of my pocket I have to take

the money issue into consideration, not to mention the cost of finding a place to live.

I've never really considered getting a real job after graduation, I just figured I would go to grad school, wait tables to pay my way through classes, and find a job when I'm getting ready to graduate with a master's degree.

It never occurred to me that I might not get into a school, or I might not find a school I like in time for the application deadline.

Sure I could move to Richmond, like everyone else that graduates, and try to find a job in the Fan, but I would like to expand my horizons beyond central Virginia.

The thought of moving back in with my parents is just way too scary.

I know a lot of people do it, but I just can't bring myself to that.

I love my parents to death, and I know they will be there to support me no matter what (just like most parents would) but the idea of them breathing down my neck to get a real job, or reapply to graduate school would be too much for me to handle.

So that leaves me with what? Packing my backpack and moving to a larger metropolis only to live in a cardboard box?

As appealing as that sounds, I'll try to find another route that would keep me from sleeping

on a park bench every night.

It's really scary knowing that the future is so unsure, and that I have limited control over what's going to be thrown in my direction.

There is no telling what is going to happen, so I guess I better keep my schedule book

open for the next couple of years.

Liz Richards

Liz Richards
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The staff of The Rotunda would like to correct one of the Drops from the November 6, 2003 issue, which stated "To English Education failing to get accredited." This program is, in fact, accredited by NCATE.

Money Well Spent? How is Your Tuition Being Used?

Willard A. Vaughn
Opinion Editor

Since I have been a student at this school, tuition has gone up significantly. I can't remember the exact percentage, but I do know that I (or rather the nice student loan people) have paid at least double what my tuition was my freshman year.

Having said that, it's interesting to me what little improvement has been made with my extra money. Other than campus beautification projects, I do not see any significant improvement on anything that distinguishes a university from a college.

To me, the difference is in two things. The first is the type and diversity of classes and programs offered. The second is the overall living conditions of the students on campus.

I do, however, acknowledge that Longwood has made significant strides in increasing the diversity of classes. I believe just this year alone, a strong criminal justice program was started, as well as a not so strong military science program. I believe that these two programs are a huge benefit to the campus and I hope to see more programs like this in

the future.

The problem is that two programs were cut from the budget that not too many schools offer. Furthermore, for some, these programs were cut right in the middle of their college careers. The result was that the people that were in these programs had to either transfer, or go into something that they may not have necessarily wanted to go into. This, of course, does nothing to boost student morale.

Secondly, this school has virtually no funding for research projects or clinics that would enhance a student's practical learning experience. This is a particular problem because most programs now require an internship of some sort. Therefore, what happens is that advisors are forced to stretch the imagination of what is considered an internship. For example, when I asked what I couldn't do for my internship in Psychology, my advisor replied "wait tables."

There are, however, many clinics not affiliated with Longwood that offer internships. But these spots are normally reserved for the elite 4.0 GPA persons. General love for the major is not

taken into consideration.

I've always stated that Longwood did this whole University thing backwards. I have finally, through heated discussions with many people on campus, changed my stance on the Brock Commons project. I still think that the school was a bit too hasty with its university designation. Furthermore, I do believe that they went headfirst into the campus beautification projects without really trying to address the aesthetic needs that should have been taken care of first. The residence halls.

I was finally fortunate enough this year to live in a residence hall that had the essential heating and air conditioning, both of which I can actually adjust to my comfort level. But some of my fellow students are not as fortunate.

Additionally, I do think it's unfortunate that small things cannot get fixed in residence halls. The blinds on my window have seen better days. It has now gotten to the point where they can no longer close all the way. When asked if they could be replaced, the facilities worker replied "housing won't let me do that."

That's unfortunate.

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Are Off Campus Students Being Over Charged?

Trudy Berry
Guest Writer

I occupied a Longwood-managed Stanley Park apartment for two semesters; sharing that apartment with another graduate student for the first semester and having it to myself the second.

I paid a \$100 room damage deposit, and on April 30; I signed an exit inspection accepting 'damage' to two walls for \$25 each.

The inspector told me 'he' won't like your patch job of the pinholes. I made the mistake of not asking why 'he' liked the two-inch eyesore of a patch job 'he' left in a wall for me to live with.

I guess 'he' liked the filthy carpet that hadn't been shampooed as well. We turned the bottoms of our feet or socks black because of the dirt. I guess 'he' also liked the dirty kitchen floor, the dirty oven, the filthy bathtubs; all of which 'he' must have felt were acceptable for us to live with.

I verbally denied the dirty bathtub charge because it was listed on the move-in inspection and I informed inspector that I left it cleaner than when I moved in. I also mentioned leaving the kitchen floor cleaner than when I moved in.

In July, I attempted to log onto WIN to check my grade for a summer course, and I was denied because a Hold Flag was due to \$310 worth of room damage!

I hit the roof. I know how to take care of property, especially property that is not mine, and I did not damage that apartment.

I appealed the charges on grounds that my exit inspection declared \$50 worth of damage, and that any damage to the coffee table, window or window screen, the other

walls, and whatever other damages they came up with (if they, in fact, existed) occurred between the time I exited on April 30th and the day 'they' looked at the apartment.

In August I received an e-mail from, I believe, Student Accounts, requesting payment of \$210, that they had sent me a previous request and were reminding me of the Hold Flag. I replied that I had not received any previous notification, that I had appealed the charges and had not been notified of the results.

I e-mailed the Housing Office, where they assured me they approved my appeal and that Student Accounts would remove the charges and Hold Flag.

I asked Housing if that meant I'd receive my \$50 refund. They replied they'd let me know as soon as they heard from Student Accounts.

In mid-October, as I sat, literally with \$23 to my name because the second half of my Student Loan that Financial Aid said I'd receive earlier in the month had still not arrived, I remembered that Student Accounts owed me \$50.

I asked Housing if they'd heard from Student Accounts yet. They contacted Student Accounts and let me know that they said, "All charges were removed. Nothing due." Many of my professors can tell you that I am dyslexic when it comes to math...I turn numbers and formulas upside down and backwards.

Even so, I can compute that \$100 deposit minus \$50 appealed and approved, and removal of the additional \$210 damage charges equals

a \$50 refund.

All was settled in half a day; I received my \$50 refund (and did, finally, receive my student loan); however, I must ask: did 'he' charge me for the same holes in the wall and same 'dirty' tub etc. that 'he' charged the previous occupant...and the occupant before that?

Did Housing charge the first student and each successive student for the very same damage(s)? I ask myself, how many of those students graduated, moved on and away, and were unwilling or unable, to refute the charges?

How many of those students, whether they graduated or simply moved to a different apartment, were simply oblivious to the charges and paid them to be able to register for classes?

And I ask: who is profiting from these collected charges? Putting a drop of spackle on a pinhole does not take \$25 worth of material, time, and labor...because they certainly do not paint the wall afterwards.

And if 'they' collected money for a dirty bathtub from the previous occupant, why was it still dirty when I moved in?

Is Longwood profiting from these collected charges? Or is Longwood the middleman, collecting and turning over these funds to the property owners?

If the latter, does Longwood receive a percentage of these paid charges? What about Longwood-managed Residence Halls? Is this also the practice on campus? Whatever the answers to all my questions may appear to be, whether this practice is deliberate or an oversight, this entire process warrants investigation and audit.

props and drops

Props:

- To finishing papers on time
- To being given extensions on those that can't be finished on time
- Dope Wars
- The songs stuck in my head
- To the sunny warm weather...may it continue
- To not being the only one in the tennis class that can't play
- Emily Dickinson

Drops:

- To professors who are scrambling to collect grades from their students and are assigning tons of work
- To Orange Colored Tests and their after effects
- To unscheduled Exams
- To chipmunks and their nuts
- To people that deface library books

Speak Out

What can be done to improve campus morale?



"More advertisements about [athletic] games going on on campus."

--Sarah Dasilva, Freshman



"Have more activities like Midnight Madness."

--Jenny Munden, Freshman



"A football team."

--Kristen Durette, Freshman



"More unity among organizations."

--Cole Floyd, Sophomore

UMI Students Impress Employers With False Organizations

U-Wire

Students are always looking for ways to spruce up their resumes to impress potential employers and graduate schools. But some University of Michigan students are gaining an edge over other applicants by creating fake student organizations for the sole purpose of filling out their applications.

According to one LSA sophomore, many Business School applicants have been creating University clubs meant to improve the content on their resumes. "I think that this is so unfair for those people who (apply) fair and square," said the student, who asked to remain anonymous.

One such club at the University was founded by her friend, she said. "But this club doesn't do anything, it is just a waste of another club," she added. The six members of the club registered themselves under the different club positions, such as president and vice president, which they would eventually write on their Business School applications in order to improve them.

"I asked seniors who are in the Business School and they said that this has been going on since God knows when," she said.

Michigan Student Assembly administrative assistant Amy McGovern said students possibly could register a club under MSA that holds no club activities and is instead used to boost the members' resumes. "A club doesn't have to have a function according to the (MSA) guidebook," McGovern added.

"Groups must contain five (University) students, and we check everyone through their University

of Michigan identification. It's the only way of verification we have. We don't monitor the groups."

Registering a student organization under MSA is not necessary for a club to exist at the University. "It's a voluntary process," McGovern said. Clubs who do register with MSA gain privileges such as funding and room usage, but there are also many clubs on campus that have not registered.

Even though no stipulations explicitly state that clubs must have an established purpose, McGovern said MSA could disband groups that do not hold any meetings.

She explained if an organization's name does not accurately describe the activities of the club, MSA can cancel it. Because of this, an organization registered under MSA that does not hold any activities at all could be misleading of its club's name and then could be revoked of its MSA privileges.

Furthermore, MSA Treasurer Elliot Wells-Reid said if a club is misusing its MSA funds, the assembly can not only revoke the club's status, but also issue a fine.

"But a lot of this (club validity) relies on honesty," added McGovern.

University admissions officers also have to rely on the honesty of its applicants when admitting students. University spokeswoman Julie Peterson said no university could check every reference on all the applications it receives. "We have to rely on the honor system," she added.

This year, undergraduate admissions at the University have attempted to prevent students from falsifying extra-curricular activities on their applications.

Peterson said the undergraduate application now asks students to list the clubs they have joined in order of their importance to them, making it more detailed and harder to falsify. "This provides a more personal view for us, and then they also have to write something about why it's important to them," she said.

James Hayes, associate director of admissions at the undergraduate Business School, said the school checks its applicants' transcripts and recommendations on a random basis. But the Business School does not verify information about club involvement. "We just don't have enough time. There's not enough man power," Hayes said.

But Hayes said extracurricular information about the student is still very important to the application process.

The Career Center at the University also does not verify the resumes of its registered students. Lynne Sebille-White, assistant director of recruitment services at the Career Center, said the large number of students registered there makes checking them all impossible. "However, before students can register they have to read and agree to a falsification agreement, attesting that they understand all the statements they provide (to the career center) have to be true," she said.

"If it is found that they have violated the policy, then there are serious ramifications," she said. Students in violation can no longer use the Career Center's services.

Sebille-White said students should be aware that employers thoroughly verify the information of its employees.

Two Sophomores Turn Vegetarian

Carol Knapp
~1978~

This article originally appeared in the December 5, 1978 issue of The Rotunda.

For some college students, a perfect meal might consist of a Quarter Pounder, a large Coke, and french fries (with extra salt and ketchup). But for others, the Golden Arches only symbolize Junk Food Paradise.

If you question whether or not the food you eat is healthy for you, you might be interested in what sophomores Celeste Rodriguez and Jeanne Nolte decided to do about their diet.

They are both vegetarians - Celeste has been for three years and Jeanne became one this semester.

Their diet consists of fruits, vegetables, cheese, eggs, whole grain cereals, rice, and sometimes tuna fish.

Some "veggies" let chicken and fish remain in their diet because they do not have the fat that pork and beef have, yet they contain about the same amount of nutrients.

Jeanne explained that she turned vegetarian because she wanted to become more aware of what she was eating. "I've

lost weight since I started and I feel better, physically and psychologically.

"When I used to eat meat, I would usually leave out the vegetables and eat seconds or thirds of the meat and starchy foods. I was probably missing out on a lot of important vitamins."

She has found that she can eat more and still lose weight. She watches against foods with refined sugar and instead uses honey or brown sugar as sweeteners.

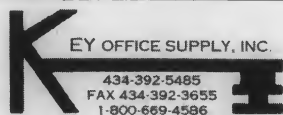
Celeste commented that not just anyone can turn vegetarian.

"Some people enjoy meat too much to do without it. The Dining Hall should become more aware of the people who are conscious of what they eat."

Some of her suggestions included more of a variety of vegetables, serving a tossed salad at least once a day, serving dark breads at each meal, having fruit juices available as well as soft drinks, and fruit for dessert for those that don't want cake or pie.

Jeanne expressed it well when she said, "I have become very picky about what I eat and I think it's good because my body deserves to be treated right."

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Deadline: 5:00pm on Monday, November 24, 2003.

Catch the Spirit: Pat Barber, Chemistry Extraordinaire

Jennifer Wall
LU Public Relations

For over 25 years Pat Barber, professor and co-director of chemistry, has been a true spirit of education.

"I love to see students come alive," said Barber. "I create opportunities and then stand back and watch as they make the most of them."

Outside of Longwood, Barber has been known as a crystal grower and has attracted international interest.

His theories, research data, and computerized calculations have been shared with scientists all around the world.

His research has been used by several prestigious institutions, including the NASA-Langley Research Center.

Each academic year Barber concentrates on teaching, and each summer he con-

ducts research at larger facilities.

This has enabled his students to work on a variety of projects, all involving the structure of matter.

These projects have included preventing radiological contamination of painted ship surfaces, new batteries for electric cars, structural analyses of metals in submarines, thermodynamic analyses of fuels in marine gas turbine engines, the growth and analysis of compound semiconductors grown in the normal gravity of earth and microgravity of space, and improved solubility of ibuprofen.

His work has taken him and his students overseas.

He has studied at the Liquid Crystal Institute at Martin Luther University in Halle in former East Germany and at the CSIC Centers for Crystal Growth



in Barcelona and Granada in Spain.

Barber's eyes light up when he discusses taking a group of Chemistry Club students to

East Germany in the early 90s.

Patrick George Barber was born in Santa Barbara, California, and attended public schools throughout the United States, including ones in Hawaii, California, Kansas, Washington, and Virginia.

He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from Stanford University in 1964. After graduating from Stanford, Barber completed his graduate studies at Cornell University.

In 1969 he accepted a post-doctoral position in the Department of Chemistry at Duke University.

In 1971 he was hired by the newly opened Southside Virginia Community College.

He joined Longwood in 1978. He has served as director and co-director of chemistry for more than two decades.

While at Stanford, physical education was required for graduation: one team sport and one individual sport.

At that time there were three men to one woman.

Barber decided that the best individual physical education course would be one where he might meet a nice young lady, Folk Dancing.

His love for Scottish Country Dancing began in this course.

Scottish Country Dancing developed in America when the Scots came to settle in Western Appalachia.

Few dancing masters came to the wilds of America so the few who came had to do what never would be acceptable in their home country, shout instructions, a precursor to Square Dancing.

He is a lifetime member of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society in Edinburgh, Scotland.

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Thursday, November 13, 2003	11:00am-1:00pm	Dining Hall
Tuesday, November 18, 2003 (with Wellness Program)	7:00pm	Curry Commons
Thursday, November 20, 2003	11:30 - 1:30 pm	Lancaster 319
Monday, December 1, 2003	6:15pm-7:30pm, and Halftime (Will be part of the Hampden-Sydney vs. Longwood Basketball Game)	Lancaster

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Calendar

November 14- 20, 2003

Friday
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LP Movie
Pirates of the Caribbean
7:30 p.m.
ABC Rooms

Cafe Nights
Ban Caribe!
Lancer Cafe
9:30 p.m.

Tuesday
18

SGA Meeting
Lankford ABC Rooms
3:45 p.m.

Women's Basketball
vs. Lenoir-Rhyne
7 p.m.

Interviewing
Workshops
Career Center
7- 8 p.m.

Saturday
15

Women's Basketball
@West Chester, Pa.
1 p.m.

Men's Basketball
@Winston-Salem, N.C.
7:30 p.m.

Comedian
Cocoa Brown
Lankford Ballroom
8 p.m.

Wednesday
19

Volunteer
Reflection Sessions
Career Center
7- 8 p.m.

Martial Arts Club
Tabb Wrestling Room
7:30- 9:30 p.m.

Sunday
16

Happy
Birthday.
Dr. Jordan

Women's Basketball
@West Chester, Pa.
3 p.m.

Gyre Meeting
Charlotte Room
6 p.m.

WMLU Meeting
Hiner 207
9 p.m.

Monday
17

Want to Be a Peer
Health Educator?
Charlotte Room
6- 7:30 p.m.

Young Democrats
Stevens 103
6 p.m.

Outdoor Club
Lancer 208
7 p.m.

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Baptist Student Union
Behind Stubbs
5:15 p.m.

Vagina Monologues
Auditions
B Room
7 p.m.

Basic Gospel Choir
Wygall 106
7 p.m.

Women's Basketball
vs. Pittsburgh-Johnstown
— 7 p.m.

Unity Alliance
Grainger G16
8 p.m.

InterVarsity Christian
Fellowship
Hull Auditorium
8:30 p.m.

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Letters From London

Paula Nusbaum
Staff Writer

I've had both a good and bad week.

The bad part of my week had to do with my school-work. I had three papers due in two days and had to rush to get everything done on time.

I'm not used to working on papers in public computer rooms, so it was really hard for me to concentrate.

The good part is that half of my coursework is completed, and I have a while until the next paper is due.

Because of my papers I didn't get the chance to do much earlier in the week. Last Thursday after turning in my papers, I decided to go to a musical. So I went down to Leicester Square and got half priced tickets for a matinee of *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, which just premiered here three weeks ago. It was a fun play and relieved a lot of the stress I had earlier in the week.

On Friday, I went to Covent Garden and the London Transport Museum. Covent Garden was strange, but cool.

They had all these street performers on the pedestrianized streets. Some of the acts included a man making bird sounds and a man painted and dressed in gold on a bicycle who would stay in a frozen position until someone paid him and then pop into a new position.

The Transport Museum was okay. It basically had a lot of transportation vehicles on display, such as old buses, parts of the tube, and taxis.

It was more geared for children, so I didn't get much out of it. I've started reading the local paper, *The Evening Standard*, and magazines during the week.

In almost every single paper and magazine I buy there is

some mention of soccer star David Beckham and his wife, former Spice Girl, Victoria.

The British are completely obsessed with this couple, unlike anything I have ever seen in the US. I don't think even Michael Jordan got this much during the height of his fame.

There is a lot of tension on my hall now. I'm not sure if it's the fact that there are 12 girls in constant proximity of each other or the differences in culture that is causing all this tension, but it's starting to escalate.



It's difficult for me because I was an RA for over two years at home and am used to taking charge of a situation and resolving conflict, but doing that here would immerse me into the conflict, which is something I'm trying to avoid.

A major source of the problems is the Spanish group. The majority of the arguments are over the cleanliness of the kitchen, noise, and smoking, not too dissimilar from conflicts in US residence halls.

On Sunday, I went off on my own to do more sightseeing. First I went to Sigmund Freud's last house.

After being exiled from Austria, Freud settled in London. He lived there a year before dying of an ailment. The house was set up as it would have been if Freud still lived there.

They had his famous couch

on display in his study. I was most interested in the fact that a lot of Freud's possessions were not linked to psychiatry.

I know that sounds rather obvious, but sometimes when you think of someone famous you only picture him in a one-dimensional context, so that with Freud I only thought of him as a pioneer in psychiatry.

Freud seemed to have a wide interest in historical figures and objects. It was odd seeing images of Freud in the last stages of his life, because he appeared so weak and frail from his illness in the film.

When I studied psychiatry in high school, I had always seen pictures of Freud as very confident and healthy, at the height of his fame, so it took me aback to see images of him in any other way.

I also went to John Keats' house. Keats was a Romantic poet, who was very successful but died very young at the age of 25. He lived in the

Hamstead house for a year with a friend of his, and he met his future wife in that neighborhood.

I wanted to see the house mainly because the garden was where Keats wrote his most famous poem, "Ode to a Nightingale." In the house, there was a display of masks made of Keats' face when he was 21 and then again on his deathbed four years later.

It was kind of depressing to think about since I am only 21. I didn't really feel like hanging around the house much after that.

This week I am going to try and get ahead in my work so I don't get too stressed out at the end of the semester.

I'm going to the Dali Exhibition, a tribute to the surrealist painter Salvador Dali, on Friday with a friend from class, but more on that later.

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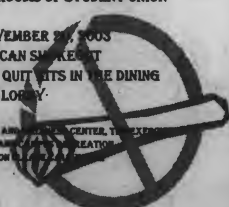
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HOROSCOPES

by Sam Wise-Ridges

Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22)

Moo with pleasure.

Scorpio (Oct. 23.-Nov. 21)

Do a booty dance on the table. Be sure to take pictures!

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

It is not impossible, it is inevitable that you will catch the clap.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan 19)

What goes up must come down, like your ass at the age of forty.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Estudiar español es morir.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

Every time Amy's clothes come off an angel gets its wings.

Aries (Mar. 21-April 19)

She didn't get high!

Taurus (April 20-May 20)Check out your career possibilities with a Longwood degree; download Dope Wars. (www.dopewars.com)**Gemini (May 21-June 20)**

Text messaging threats to your dealer is not going to get you a free fix.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Waving wheat is really neat and Ellie's feet are good to eat. Damn it Death!

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

The Wingo ate your baby.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22)

FCUK wants you to model.

Tongue in Cheek

by Ellie Woodruff



*Things I've learned in college #42
Don't leave food to rot... the molds aren't
amusing enough to be worth it.*

Movie Review: *Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines*

Zach Wilhide
Cartoonist

"I hate machines" Kate Brewster presciently remarks at the beginning of *Terminator 3*, the third installment of the Terminator trilogy.

After this prophetic remark, the movie takes the viewer through a torpid array of visual effects mastery once again pitting man against the machines he created.

John Connor, played by Nick Stahl, is now 10 years older, a vagabond roving between a plethora of menial jobs.

He is beset daily by horrifying glimpses of the future world he thought he had already prevented. Unbeknownst to Connor, a new futuristic foe-The TX Terminator model-portrayed by the sensuous Kristanna Loken, arrives via time machine into present-day California.

Her mission is to destroy those who would provide the

resistance in the future.

Enter Kate Brewster played by Claire Danes of the *Mod Squad* fame.

The TX soon targets her and Arnold Swartzenegger returns to not only protect John Connor, but Brewster as well. The trio of Brewster, Connor and the T100 all must race against time to prevent the uplinking of the SKYNET defense program with the military defenses of the United States.

Of course, following the precedent set in *T2* the California Governor-Elect is once again an obsolete model in comparison with his foe, the TX.

For those not fully aware of the premise behind the Terminator trilogy here is a quick synopsis.

In the not so distant future machines have taken over a world permanently frosted in the fallout of nuclear war, a

nuclear winter.

The sky is scorched and only a few humans survived the holocaust.

The machines achieved control via a defense program known as SKYNET, which enabled a computer to control the defense matrix of the United States.

SKYNET's creators heralded the machine's level of artificial intelligence as almost sentient.

Unfortunately, the creators were right.

These humans emerge from their shelters into a post-apocalyptic hell where sentient war machines are masters.

In the 1980's a Terminator model, the Arnold played T100, is sent back to assassinate Sarah Connor, mother of future recalcitrant leader John Connor. Following the T100 comes a man known simply as Reese.

His mission is to protect John Connor's mother.

Together Reese and Sarah

Connor defeat the Terminator.

In *T2*, Arnold returns as T100, but now must protect a pre-teen John Connor from a machine assassin from the future the T-1000.

As one can imagine, the T-1000 was defeated allowing for Connor to live and in the process of defeating the T-1000 the creator of SKYNET was killed seemingly ending the SKYNET threat.

As *T3* explains, however, SKYNET was not destroyed. Judgment Day was not totally prevented, just postponed. Thus, in *T3* amidst runaway police vehicles, cranes, and sen-

tient war machines, Connor, Brewster, and the T100 strive to once again prevent the nuclear holocaust.

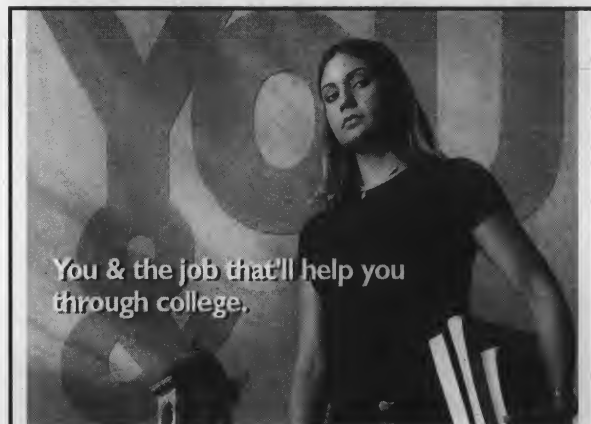
One must see the film's conclusion him or herself to fully appreciate the cinematic splendor.

To call the conclusion horrifying would be hyperbolic, but it is definitely thought provoking. Ultimately, the movie is rife with the clichéd one-liners and predictable explosions often associated with Arnold Swartzenegger movies, but those are the aspects that, if nothing else, at least make the movie exceedingly entertaining.

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Brock Commons Opening Postponed; Carbon Leaf Plays Lancer Gym Instead

Pat Sullivan
Staff Writer

There are certain things that every Longwood student should experience in their time while attending Virginia's newest University.

Examples of such experiences are going to Oktoberfest and Spring Weekend, attending "the field party," a Chi walk, and of course seeing a free concert featuring Virginia's own Carbon Leaf.

This experience is, according to freshman Stephen Davis after his first ever Carbon Leaf concert, "impressive."

Originally this show was scheduled to take place on Brock Commons after the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Even though the opening of Brock Commons has been pushed back Lancer Productions, Longwood's student-run activities board, decided to let Carbon Leaf play anyway and moved the concert into Lancer Gym.

Before the American Music Awards dubbed "Greatest Unsigned Act in America" took the stage, the opening-

band Junction entertained the crowd of around two hundred Longwood students.

Reminiscent of Charleys many years ago when the bands played together, the electric mandolin powered sound of Junction had students grooving in Lancer

asking the band to dedicate "Mellow Tones" to a friend of his.

Carbon Leaf's mix of Celtic, rock and pop music entertained well into the night.

After the Richmond based band finished their set, they honored the fans request for "one more song" and left the crowd with "Any Given Day" and a cover of John Denver's "Country Roads" which even inspired some students to start a hoe-down.

All in all, as Longwood student Matt Taylor said "They Rock as always. Great mix of familiar songs and covers."

After the show the students crowded around Carbon Leaf's merchandise booth for the bands stickers, t-shirts and, of course, CDs which Privett encouraged fans to burn and give to friends.

All the members of the band signed autographs and took pictures with their fans.

Even after the show many students still couldn't wait until Carbon Leaf's next visit.



Gym.

Then it was Carbon Leaf's turn to take the stage and they quickly had the crowd singing along to "Torn to Tatters" and clapping along to the lighting fast tempo of "Mary Mac."

Lead singer, Barry Privett, even stopped to read a letter from an audience member given to him before the show

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LU-HSC Basketball Game Tickets On Sale

Sport Information

Longwood University Director of Athletics Rick Mazzuto has announced plans for the general public sale of tickets to the Longwood versus Hampden-Sydney basketball game scheduled for December 1 at 7 p.m. in Lancer Hall.

General public ticket sales to this highly-anticipated game will begin Monday, November 17, at the Athletics Office Complex #2 (middle mobile unit behind the Longwood Library), at 10 a.m.

Ticket prices are as follows: Adult (general public) \$8; Longwood Faculty/Staff \$3; Children (ages 4-12) \$2.

Children ages 3 and under will be admitted free. Ticket sales will continue daily Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. through November 25, 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. November 26, and then again December 1 as tickets remain available.

"This is clearly an event that has generated great interest in the Farmville community," said

Mazzuto.

"Persons interested in attending the game should try to purchase tickets as soon as possible."

Longwood University season passes will also be available for the following prices: Adult Pass (general public) \$40; Family Pass (2 adults, 3 children) \$80; Longwood Faculty/Staff Pass

\$25; Longwood Faculty/Staff Family Pass \$60; and Children Pass (ages 4-12) \$12.

For more information, please contact Bonnie Robertson at 434.395.2655. Remember, Longwood University will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday break from November 26 at 12 p.m. through November 28.

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Men's Soccer Season Wrap Up

Sports Information

In its final game of the season, the Longwood University men's soccer team battled Division I Mercer to a 1-1 tie Saturday evening.

The Lancers finished the season with a record of 6-10-1. Though neither team found the back of the net in the first half, Longwood narrowly missed a goal towards the end of the frame.

Freshman forward James Agorsor (Gambills, Md./ South River) headed a ball past Bear keeper Jonathan Riley but Jason Erickson was there to head the ball out of the goal. The Lancers got on the board first in the 73rd minute when freshman forward Henrik Agerskov (Denmark/Rungstead Gymnasium) ran on to a ball misplayed by the Mercer defense and fired a shot out of the reach of Riley.

Michael Smith evened the score eight minutes later, notching his first goal of the season. Alan Colgan started the scoring

attack, finding an open Del Olayo in the middle of the field. The Lancers were led this season by junior midfielder Stuart Bertsch (Norfolk, Va./Maury), who tallied six goals (2 game-winners) in 40 shots for a .150 shot percentage and 12 points. Bertsch has also connected on three of four penalty kicks.

Sophomore defender Tony Soules (Springfield, Va./West Springfield) is credited with three goals, while Agerskov, Agorsor, senior forward Mark Connelly (Warrenton Va./Fauquier), sophomore midfielder Dmitri Isakovski (Norfolk, Va./Maury) each have two goals for Longwood.

After five saves at Mercer, freshman keeper Justin Brock (Palo Alto, Calif./Palo Alto) (2.88 gaa) has racked up 46 saves in 995 minutes for a .613 saves percentage. Sophomore Bryan Sanford (Springfield, Va./West Springfield) (2.16 gaa) has 24 saves in 584 minutes for a saves percentage of .632.

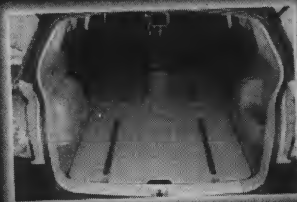
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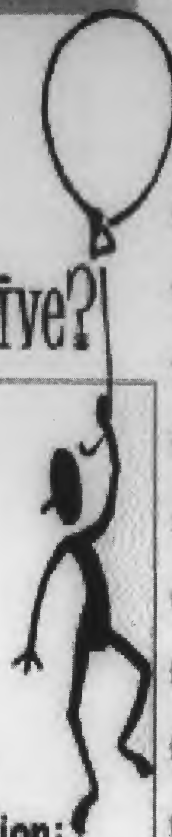
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Veteran's Day Speaker: General Sam Wilson

Zach Wilhide
Staff Writer

On Veteran's Day, retired General Sam Wilson spoke to a group of Longwood students in Wygal auditorium as part of the Office of Multicultural Affairs's week-long program of International Awareness.

General Wilson schooled those in the Wygal auditorium on Veteran's Day 2003 in "American Foreign Policy in the Age of Terrorism." General Wilson is currently president of Hampden-Sydney College and a member of Longwood University's Board of Visitors.

Lonnie Calhoun, director of Multicultural Affairs, stated the purpose of the program was "promoting a greater understanding of global affairs."

Wilson began his lecture with a number of anecdotes intended both to amuse and to inform the audience of his significant quali-

cations.

Wilson has been involved in Intelligence since the 1940s as a member of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS)-the World War II precursor to the Central Intelligence Agency.

He was also a member of the battalion operating in the China, India, and Burma theatre during WWII known as Merrill's Marauders.

In regards to terrorism, General Wilson cited three vital reasons concerning the involvement of the United States in the War on Terror.

First, the United States has become a direct and primary target of terrorist groups.

Second, modern terrorists possess extensive technology allowing them access to avenues of terror previously forbidden.

Third, and finally, in part due to terrorist technology, terrorism has become a trans-national



threat.

Wilson continued by announcing what he felt were contemporary areas of tension.

These threats ranged from the obvious -Iraq- to the not so obvious - Japan's turbulent economy.

Intertwined with these threats, Wilson included those of drugs in Latin America, AIDS in Africa, Russian political and economic chaos, Europe's emerging introverted behavior, overpopulation leading to world hunger, and the increasing prevalence of nuclear proliferation.

See VETERAN p. 4

Longwood Celebrates International Diversity

Bobbi Thibo
Staff Writer

Last week students at Longwood University got a closer look at the "bigger picture." Monday, November 10, kicked off "International Awareness Week."

The goal of those sponsoring this annual event was to "promote a greater understanding of global affairs."

Through a series of programs scheduled during the week, students were given an opportunity to gain a better understanding of other cultures.

These events included a video and discussion based on Islam and American relations.

The video allowed for a look at the west from the Muslim's point of view and illustrated the "perception of America from different eyes," as Lonnie Calhoun, director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, said.

Other parts of the world were explored as well.

The Hispanic dance festival gave an entertaining, yet insightful, look into the Latin world, while the culture of the Caribbean was represented through music.

So why is it so important to give students here at Longwood the opportunity to explore other lifestyles?

In a small town like Farmville, Longwood students are at somewhat of a disadvantage when it comes to diversity, and as Calhoun points out, this week was an attempt to remedy that.

"Once students leave the institution, they need to be part of the real world. All concentrations, business, education, are global issues, not just concerns in our country," Calhoun said, emphasizing the importance of International Awareness Week and all that it stands for.

When Turkey Was Still Good

This article was originally published on November 20, 1979.

PEJ
Staff Writer

With the approaching of Thanksgiving, a person begins to think of home, roasted turkey with all the trimmings, and a break from studies.

For some of us, however, Thanksgiving also means it is time to finish up projects, the term papers, or anything else the teachers decide on at the "last minute."

Also there are exams to start worrying over.

How many of us, though, really buckle down to study when we know we are at home, free from our class-to-class, homework, and paper-filled schedules?

Probably not many.

Whatever happened to the

old fashioned Thanksgivings we had when we were kids?

You remember - grandmother's house, a big turkey, cranberry sauce, your favorite pie, and all your aunts, uncles, and cousins?

Sure you do!

Everyone was happy to see you, to find out how you were doing in school, and to tell a tale of what Thanksgiving was like when they were "your age."

Life was easier then, wasn't it?

Today, it seems, the only time the family really gets together for the turkey and the talk is between the football bowl games or at halftime!

We all say we are thankful for our health, for our friends, and for our family.

But do we really mean what we say or do we just say it once or twice a year (Thanksgiving

and Christmas) to please others?

In this rapid paced world we live in today, it is hard to know exactly what we mean.

The simple joys of life are lost - joys like those of Thanksgiving because Mom doesn't want a house full of people or she just doesn't want to do all of the cooking herself.

Thanksgiving - or any holiday that brings the family together for that matter - should not be this way.

While it is true that college life does somewhat alter past traditions of a homework free break, try not to let that be the only thing you do while you are at home.

Take the time to enjoy yourself and your family. And instead of having Thanksgiving once a year, why not give thanks every day?



On The Verge: Longwood's Current Production

Alex (Melissa) McConnell, Mary (Ann) Richardson, and Fanny (Courtney Kappel) take time out for tea as they trek through Terra Incognita in Eric Overmeyer's comical play, *ON THE VERGE or The Geography of Yearning*, being presented this week by Longwood Theatre in Jarman Auditorium.

Performances are Nov. 19 through Nov. 22 at 8:00 PM with a Sunday matinee on Nov. 23 at 3:00 PM. For tickets call 393-2474.

Words From the Editor



I was watching *Jeopardy* with one of my roommates last Saturday night.

Yes, you heard me right. I chose not to go out on a Saturday, but instead I watched *Jeopardy* with my roommate.

It was college night for the show, during which the producers brought in three college students (Heather, Grant, and Amanda) from institutions I've never heard of, and asked them questions from categories like "IV" League, and Latin phrases.

The contestants seemed to be doing O.K. for the easy ques-

tions in the \$200 categories, but once they got up to the more pricey questions the college elite began to answer questions incorrectly, sometimes not at all.

If you've ever seen *Jeopardy*, you'll know that if an incorrect answer is given, or none is given at all, the host Alex Trebek will read the correct response from his secret stash of answer cards.

Call me crazy, but there are a few times when Alex sits a little too tall on his high horse, and (in a somewhat condescending tone) reveals the answer that the contestants missed.

His tone just screams, "You're an idiot, I can't believe you didn't get that answer. You should just quit college because it's obviously not doing you any

good."

What is obvious is that without those cards, Alex wouldn't know half the answers on the show.

What I would really like to see is a contestant who doesn't know an answer, buzz in, and their response to Alex and the judges would be,

"What is...your mom?!"

How do you think Alex would react to that? Maybe the contestant would get kicked off the show, or maybe lose all of their money, but it would be worth it for that one moment of glory.

Really, if you think about it, there are people in our lives just like Alex. The ones who pretend to know it all but really don't.

We all know the kind, some of us have class with them, there might even be a few in our own families.

Just remember when encountering people of this nature that you may only have a few of the answers, but at least you're being truthful.

These others who pretend to know everything, but really

don't, they are just reading off their own answer cards (pun intended).

Liz Richards

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Many people always write to you to show their displeasure with Longwood. I am writing to you to possibly show the student body one of the greatest attributes about this place we call "home" from August to May.

Student Health, by far, is one of the best organizations here on campus. Hopefully you will have room for my letter. It is to thank them, and also to tell you why they are so wonderful.

I am a 20-year-old female living in a residence hall. I went to class, I made good grades, and had a wonderful boyfriend.

Things were quite normal for me until about 7 weeks ago. Let's call my boyfriend "Tony." Tony had cheated on me many times during our relationship, and he did not feel that I needed to be privy to that information, until much later.

One night we were doing what most college couples do, and I noticed that I had medium sized bumps on my outer labia that were not there the day before. I immediately suspected Human Papilloma Virus, or "genital warts."

Of course, I had no idea where I got them from, and asked Tony. Three or four days

later I found out he cheated.

That's definitely a different story.

I called Student Health. That was the only thing I knew to do.

I told them that I thought that I had genital warts, and that I definitely had been exposed. I had an almost immediate appointment.

Now, I had been to Student Health before, so I knew the ropes about filling out paperwork and other things of that nature.

This time felt different. I felt like I had done something wrong. Soon after I sat down, the woman who I would soon compare to my best friend, Beth Poore-Bowman, called my name. She lead me back to the exam room, and I told her what had happened.

HPV. I had it.

My world was crashing down so fast there was no way that I could pick up the pieces quick enough. I cried, and Beth told me that I'd be okay. I really wanted to believe her, but I seriously had my doubts.

I got a prescription for Aldara, and went on my merry little way. Beth said if I ever needed her, to call or come over.

It was comforting to know that I could go talk to someone who wouldn't judge. About three

or four weeks passed, and I thought I was doing better. The outbreak was almost gone, and I was feeling quite educated about HPV.

One day, I felt a sharp pain in my vaginal area. I have my clitoral hood pierced, so I thought the ring had scraped my skin.

That's why that sore was there right?

I put some ointment on it, and thought that it was over. A few days later, I got another sore, and another one. Okay, this isn't right, I thought. On Tuesday, I was back in Student Health.

My gynecologist said that the Herpes culture came back negative, but I wasn't convinced. "You've got Herpes," Beth said.

She was right. I couldn't believe that I had Herpes AND HPV.

This was too much. I lost my boyfriend, and gained two Sexually Transmitted Infections, both of which have no cure.

I cried again, and Beth told me that I would get over this.

She's right, which brings me to the point of this letter. I DID lose a person who I was very much

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ACTIVIST

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The Bitch Is Back, And She's Not Bitchin'

Longwood's favorite cynic takes a step back to celebrate the holidays the nice way.

Amy Whipple
Asst. Editor

I complain a good deal about Longwood, I know. The very first thing I did this year was complain. It's not that I really hate Longwood as a whole, I just hate a lot of the things that go on here. The real problem is, though, my total lack of respect for authority in any arena, not just this one. It'll get me far, I know. So here's the deal. I'm feeling trite; I'm feeling like I'm in elementary school. To celebrate Thanksgiving and all it has to offer, here is a list of fifty things I appreciate about Longwood. I could, you know, just draw a picture of my hand and turn it into a turkey and have it placed on the comics page, but I won't. It's tempting. But, honestly. Let's go:

1. First and foremost, my wonderful girlfriend. I love you, Libby. (The rest of you, commence puking.)
2. For the best roommate in the world.
3. For the best hall in the world. Nothing rocks like ARC basement and its fabulous RA.
4. For the fact that Longwood no longer has a Dining Hall Etiquette Board. I'd hate to see what I got busted for there.
5. For President Cormier and the way she really loves the students of Longwood.
6. For the shrine to President Cormier on my desk in *The Rotunda* office. It's not that creepy.
7. For the one and only *Rotunda* and its wonderful staff.
8. For sitting in a circle in class, if only to stare at one another.
9. For the great discussions that also occur in the aforementioned circle.
10. For Doc Brock. For just...everything, I mean it.
11. For Dr. Challender. Can I

have your babies? Please?

12. For Dr. Lund and his crazy stories, even if he locks us in a box. If Dr. Challender says no, can I have your babies?
13. For the way Dr. Taylor never lets me make up stuff in class. Well, maybe I'm not thankful for that, but I sure am thankful for Dr. Taylor and how he is a clone of Grimey Grimes.
14. For Pam Tracy taking over the Women's Studies department.
15. For babies!
16. For Joeybear because Steph claims that he needs a number all his own.
17. For finally meeting the real Dr. Lund. I can see why you picked her.
18. For reading *Great Expectations* in the original serial form.
19. For deadline nights full of music, craziness, and dinners out.
20. For Marlboro Lights in a box and the finally cheaper prices at the Quick Mart now that Par-Bils is gone.
21. For dancing in various restaurants, no matter how many evil stares we get for being rowdy college students.
22. For UA getting over thirty people every week. Where did that come from? I hope it stays this way.
23. For bonding experiences at Babes in Richmond.
24. For WILL and all the Women's Studies love.
25. For WMLU: all the DJs, all the board members, Dark Lord, and, of course, The Caffeine Diary (Fridays from 1-3 in case you've forgotten).
26. For all my upstanding friends and even the not so upstanding ones.
27. For all the people who have grown into the love of Dar (and her having a baby come April!)
28. For the three degrees of

Amy on this crazy small campus. If only the people in high school could see me now.

29. For the days when the to-go line in the Dining Hall has mac'n'cheese and sandwiches without that really creepy cheese.
30. For the fact that friends can listen to "Endless Love" in the dark.
31. For how *someone* out there remembers me 'and has a folk singer come out for Spring Weekend.
32. For how "Your Mom" jokes just never, ever get old.
33. For people who actually read *The Rotunda* and not just to find out what's wrong with it.
34. For all the great people, especially Ed, who work at Java City. You keep me awake during my classes.
35. For people who put up with my grammar nazi side, and remember not to use *impact* as a verb, and that there's no such word as *towards*. No, people.
36. For the neat traditions that Longwood has; it's got to be the best thing about having a school that was once all female.
37. For Dr. Walls for keeping my head above water.
38. For the fact that Chi used to be really scary, even though it's not anymore. Let's bring that back, eh?
39. For having one of the biggest Wal*Marts ever, and for all the time we spend there.
40. For the Dos Passos prize, and all the sucking up that can happen there.
41. For having two Bs on Spanish tests to combat the two most recent Fs.
42. For people who took Spanish in high school and can teach me all the dirty words. Cause that's really what it's all about, isn't it?
43. For those who understand my inability to leave my clothes on. It just gets hot.

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props and drops

Props:

- + To all the COMM professors being at conference, and cancelling all of their classes.
- + To Thanksgiving Dinner served at the Dining Hall, it doesn't get any better than Baked Alaska.
- + To an excellent time at the Dos Passos ceremony. Well done!
- + To family, because they stick with us through everything.
- + To *Shawshank Redemption*.

Drops:

- To Wednesday's rain storm that was stronger than Isabel's storm.
- To graduation slowly becoming a figment of the imagination.

Speak Out

What's the best part of Thanksgiving?



"Family coming to visit."
--Sara Barkdull, Freshman



"Having homecooked meals."
--Lindsay Tutwiler, Senior



"Going to the beach with a friend."
--Leslie Smith, Junior



"The parade that comes on TV."
--Tim Damazyn, Senior

Longwood Awards Richard Powers American Novelist Receives Annual Dos Passos Award.

Amy Whipple
Assistant Editor

Tuesday night marked the twenty-third time Longwood presented the Dos Passos Award. Author Richard Powers received the prize, which consisted of \$2,000 and a medalion (though it was not ready for last night's ceremony).

Held in the Wygal auditorium, Powers gave a reading from his eighth and most recent novel, *The Time of Our Singing*, which was published in January of this year.

The piece he read was of a man in his mid-twenties, struggling to find himself in the seedy, underground bar scenes as a lounge singer. The product of a mixed marriage, the troubles of the young man go deeper than trying to be successful. They infiltrate everything, from the music to which he listens to his strained relationships with women.

Another problem Jonah goes through is his lack of knowledge in popular music. It is here that one can see the deep and witty writing of Powers's book. At one point, he talks about the bar scene, in which the young man thinks that "Being dark would almost be an asset." Other places have quite the poetic style about them. In describing his love interest: "the finish she longed for was smokey and deep."

Interestingly, as Powers read

about various trials with songs on the piano, someone somewhere else in Wygal was practicing. Melodic notes strained into the room, leaving the audience stricken in the mood.

Aside from his most recent work, Powers has also written seven other novels, all of which are highly acclaimed.

"Powers's work is described as 'witty,' 'dazzling,' 'mind-boggling' and 'fearless,'" said Dr. Martha Cook, an English professor at Longwood, who chaired the committee and also gave the introductory speech.

"His characterizations and fictional techniques challenge the reader's concept of reality. As one reviewer notes, 'his subject remains fairly constant: the acceleration, and consequent dehumanization, of modern life.'"

Before the ceremony and subsequent reception, where students, faculty, and other visitors alike could speak with him and purchase his books, Powers spent the day visiting and lecturing to various English classes, including those taught by Cook and by Dr. Derrick Taylor, who revelled in the opportunity to mesh their daily lessons with the instruction of such a well-known writer.

The prize, which was founded in 1980, is awarded especially to



American fiction writers whose work emulates the focal characteristics of the great American writer, John Dos Passos. Writers delve into the great American experience with all its trials and tribulations in various points and places of life.

Funding for this year's Prize came from the Longwood Foundation, the offices of the Provost and the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Department of English and Modern Languages. The latter is the department which organizes and awards the prize.

In addition to Cook, other members of the Dos Passos Prize Committee included Dr. Rhonda Brock-Servais (assistant professor of English), and Dr. Jená Burges (associate professor of English and director of general education).

The prize jurors, which include Cook, were Beverly Jarrett (director of the University of Missouri Press) and Randall Kenan (last year's recipient).

Powers ended his speech with a quote from Dos Passos, finishing the ceremony with as much strength as it started. ectly.

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The intelligence sphere, which General Wilson has extensive knowledge of, is moving away from the "gargantuan Cold War methods" and toward the gathering of human intelligence.

In other words, the art of interrogation is re-emerging as a vital component of information gathering.

Before his lecture concluded, Wilson caused a noticeable outburst from within the crowd as he castigated contemporary American society for being myopically monolingual.

He proposed the United States institute a program similar to that of the French, Belgians, and Swiss wherein the majority of the society is fluent in up to three languages.

General Wilson fielded five questions from the audience ranging from the media's impact upon the conflict in Iraq to the increasingly political effects upon the intelligence industry.

Wilson responded, stating the media has had an increased effect upon for-

eign policy and the intelligence community should diligently act towards a policy of cooperation.

To illustrate his point he cited a situation where the CIA asked the editors of prominent newspapers to delay the publication of a story in deference to national security concerns.

Wilson closed his lecture with a charming anecdote of fond remembrance for those Americans who have perished in armed conflict.

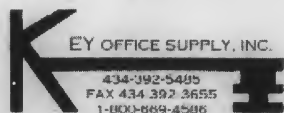
He reminisced about the war memorial located at the front entrance of Hampden Sydney containing 158 names on 7 plaques commemorating those fallen in the Revolutionary War, Civil War, Spanish American War, WWI, WWII, Korean War and the Vietnam War.

He closed with a recitation of an elegy located on plaque in Burma:

*When you go home tell them
of us and say,
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our today.*

The audience, upon request by Wilson, repeated this dirge and he reassured the audience with the words "good will prevail."

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National College Tuition Rate Jumps 9.8 Percent From Last Year

U-WIRE

In a report released in October, the College Board, a nonprofit association that runs college programs and services, found that state school tuition rose an average of 9.8 percent from last year. The rise in tuition is startling given that the current rate of inflation, as measured by the consumer price index, has consistently been just over 2 percent.

No exception to the national average, University of Louisville's tuition for the 2003 -- 2004 academic year rose 9 percent from \$2,041 to \$2,225 per semester for full-time undergraduate residents.

Originally, when the Board of Trustees met in 2001 to decide on tuition for the next year, they approved increases of 6.4 percent for both the 2002 -- 2003 and 2003 -- 2004 academic years. At that time, the tuition increase was proposed after an internal tuition-setting workgroup comprised of faculty, staff and students examined rates of local and regional schools, tuition rates of benchmark schools and the needs of

the university. The rise was also approved to fulfill the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education's requirement that tuition revenue "account for approximately 37 percent of a university's institutional operating funds."

In April 2003, the Board of Trustees met again to propose a fault 2.6 percent tuition increase for the 2003 -- 2004 academic year on top of the already scheduled 6.4% increase. Proposed as a component of a three-part plan to address a projected \$6.4 million deficit due primarily to reduced state funding, the increase was unanimously approved.

Some students, including senior English major Mickey Weber, aren't terribly upset with the increase. "I'm not outraged at tuition increases because I can still afford to pay tuition. It doesn't seem unreasonable that the price goes up over time because everything else does," he said.

Many other students still object to the rising prices, even though the 9 percent increase was

the smallest tuition hike of all the state institutions in Kentucky and University of Louisville's tuition is still far below the national average of \$10,636 a year for state universities.

"I'm opposed to tuition increases by default because I have yet to see them go to things that will directly benefit the students," said Steven Watson, a Speed School junior. "They always seem to go to things that will make the university look better to people who aren't even prospective students."

Wes Johnson, a senior political science major, understands that state budget cuts have left the university in a tight financial situation, but doesn't believe that tuition increases are the right answer. "Rather than raise tuition, we should eliminate unnecessary things in the budget," he said.

Some students are also questioning why the Board of Trustees is now proposing a salary increase for President Ramsey when the university is facing financial hard times.

In a separate but related report,

the College Board also found that financial aid has increased significantly to accommodate for the frequent tuition hikes. Most of this tuition, however, is in the form of loans rather than grants, which don't have to be repaid and essentially decrease tuition costs. Last year, approximately 60 percent of undergraduates throughout the nation received some form of aid, according to the College Board report.

Also similar to the national trend, the number of students receiving financial aid in the form of loans has risen along with the amount of financial aid available. According to Financial Aid Director Patricia Arauz, approximately 8,500 loans have been processed for nearly \$50 million dollars from the beginning of the semester through the end of October. The number of loans processed does not necessarily indicate the number of students receiving loans since students often receive more than one loan.

For some states, including Kentucky, tuition hikes are even harming individuals not yet in

college as prepaid tuition programs suspend enrollment. Prepaid tuition programs allow families to purchase tuition credits based on current rates in order for the state to pool the money in long-term investments with the hope that earnings will match or exceed tuition costs when the child is ready to attend college. Tuition is currently rising far faster than investment earnings.

After the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority took over Kentucky's Affordable Prepaid Tuition Program this year, the Kentucky General Assembly imposed a moratorium on new accounts until next June.

The assembly also asked KHEAA to commission an actuarial study to assess the program's financial health since many of the other states offering prepaid tuition plans were facing multimillion-dollar deficits.

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Same-Sex Marriage Approved for Massachusetts

U-Wire

The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court declared the state's ban on same-sex marriage unconstitutional in a four to three ruling yesterday, and gave its legislature 180 days to remedy the problem.

In Lawrence, students and community members gave mixed reaction to the ruling.

The stances reflect a national poll on attitudes toward gay marriage showing that people 20 to 30 years old are evenly split on the issue.

The Pew Research Center for the People & the Press conducted the poll.

Patrick Ross, president of Queers and Allies, said he was ecstatic about the decision. He is a member of the Kansas editorial board.

"I think it's a step in the right direction," the Topeka sophomore said. "Slowly, everyone is realizing that gay rights aren't special rights, and we deserve protection just like everybody

else."

Ross said domestic partnerships and civil unions were fine but that the queer community deserved the same right as straight couples: legal marriage.

The ruling helps make Ross feel optimistic about the possibility.

"I'm hoping it's a foreshadowing for things to come," Ross said.

It's unlikely that Kansas will follow Massachusetts' lead, since Kansas legislators passed a law in 1996 reiterating the state's long-standing policy against allowing gay marriage.

Other state courts have dealt with the issue differently.

In 1999, Vermont passed a law allowing civil unions for homosexual couples.

State courts in Hawaii and Alaska have both also said that states could not deny marriage rights to homosexuals, but the rulings were counteracted by legislature-supported constitutional amendments restricting marriage rights to heterosexual couples,

according to the Associated Press.

Ross said he was concerned about backlash from the public.

"I think a heterosexual society is content with queer people as long as we're happy with the place they have allowed us in society," Ross said. "I think there's an idea that says 'What more do they want from us?'"

Ross said he thought the ruling was sparked by the Supreme Court's decision to take down anti-sodomy laws in a ruling earlier this year, and the Massachusetts decision could push a scramble by conservatives to get the Federal Marriage Protection Amendment passed.

The amendment, which opponents believe essentially will ban same-sex marriage, is currently under debate.

Brian Donelson, director of family life at St. Lawrence Catholic Campus Center, 1631 Crescent Rd., opposes the Massachusetts change and same sex marriage.

Donelson, who does couple

counseling, uses the Vatican's Canon Law of the Catholic Church to define marriage.

That definition begins:

Marriage is the intimate, exclusive, indissoluble communion of life and love entered by man and woman at the design of the Creator for the purpose for their own good and the procreation and education of children.

The nature of marriage makes the proposition of same sex marriage impossible, Donelson said.

"We can love a lot of people, but to marry them means something different," Donelson said.

"What makes marriage different from any other relationship is that it has a procreative potential."

Julia Katz, Leawood senior, said pressure from religious groups should not determine whether gay marriage is illegal.

She said that marriage could be secular, though methods such as courthouse ceremonies.

"Two men or two women should have just as much protection," Katz said.

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44. For Betty, and for those of you know what that is. And for all the good times we've had together.

45. For rainy days when teachers cancel classes, if only because it's raining.

46. For being an English major, and for having Dr. Cook as the best advisor ever.

47. For having a schedule that allows me to spend Tuesday and Thursday mornings watching reruns of ER.

48. For how Leslie makes me look like the least horny person on the face of this earth. Leslie says, "Just on the face."

49. For pickles and Funyuns, even if they're not together.

But the things that make my breath smell probably should be kept together.

50. For everyone who keeps an LJ and keeps me entertained for hours on end. There are only so many away messages on AIM, but there are endless things to read on LJ.

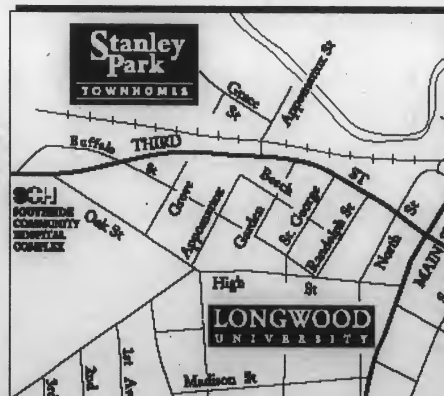
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Trans-Siberian Orchestra Rocks the House

Greg Taigaridas
Guest Writer

"You got your rock band in my orchestra!" said the gentleman in the suit.

"No way, man...your orchestra is in my rock band," replied the teen in a black t-shirt and jeans.

An exchange like this would not have been surprising to hear at last December's performance of the Trans-Siberian Orchestra at the Carpenter Center in Richmond.

Trans-Siberian Orchestra was formed in 1996 by members of the hard rock outfit Savatage, after one of their tracks, "Christmas Eve/Sarajevo 12/24" garnered praise and popularity during the holiday season.

Since then, TSO has released two holiday-themed albums as well as one based on classical work by Beethoven--and their fanbase grows larger every year.

The Carpenter Center performance was to be a presentation of TSO's first release, *Christmas Eve & Other Stories*.

The album's storyline tells of an angel who helps a young girl return home to her family in time for Christmas.

Throughout the show, the mood was set perfectly with smoke effects and an astounding light show that included "freakin laser beams."

Performers that evening

included an eight-piece orchestra, six members for the band, and a narrator who kept the story moving between pieces.

Four singers and a small choir would take turns on the microphone, giving each of the songs a distinctive feel and emotional presence.

Having been a fan of TSO for years, my expectations of seeing them live for the first time were set high, and I wasn't disappointed.

The performance that evening was brilliant as their arrangements highlighted the strengths of both the orchestra and the rock band.

Never have thundering drums, crunching rhythm guitars, and searing solos blended so well with violins and cellos (Metallica, Scorpions, and KISS should should take notes when composing any future rock/orchestral collaborations).

The group worked the audience throughout the show--switching between more traditional pieces like "Silent Nutcracker" (a blending of "Silent Night" and music from *The Nutcracker*) and hard-hitting ones like "Mad Russian's Christmas."

After nearly three hours, even the folks in suits were pumping their fists and cheering out loud.

And in grand rock tradition, guitarist Chris Caffery ran up the aisle, into the lobby, up the main staircase and onto the

mezzanine--all while never missing a note.

To top the evening off, the performers came to the lobby for an autograph session and meet-and-greet after the show.

And though the line of fans waiting for their chance to meet the group stretched to over an hour long, the members of Trans-Siberian Orchestra were gracious and pleasant to each of us as we passed by their tables.

Siri Neuzil Rosen, a '96 Longwood graduate, works with promotions for TSO and other musical acts.

Commenting on the Christmas-themed show, she says, "The tour that TSO does is MASSIVE. East coast and West coast simultaneously. They start working on this tour before the rest of us can even make plans for our summer vacations."

Indeed, the energy and effort that TSO puts into their tour is certainly apparent when you see them perform live.

For more information about the Trans-Siberian Orchestra, including discography and tour dates, check out <http://www.trans-siberian.com/>

Their East coast tour comes again to the Carpenter Center in Richmond on December 11, 2003.

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Movie Review: *Matrix: Revolutions* Marred with Empty Moments

U-Wire

Morpheus (Lawrence Fishburne) race to rescue Neo before the machines destroy Zion, annihilating the human race.

Once liberated, Neo will return to the Oracle (Mary Alice replacing the late Gloria Foster) for further counsel. Although the Oracle has a new face, she still lends her characteristic advice, which preaches choice above all.

Meanwhile, Zion's inhabitants are working vigorously to fortify the city for the ensuing attack, while Neo is pondering what his role in the war is, which will eventually lead him to Machine City for the film's conclusion.

Whereas the first installment provides an open-ended, yet satis-

The ending of the *The Matrix: Revolutions* leaves you with more unanswered questions than you originally walked into the theater with; a trademark of the Wachowski brothers that is quickly proving tiresome.

In their third (and hopefully final) *Matrix* installment, the Wachowski brothers investigate a wide array of metaphysical questions, but fail to provide concrete answers to most of them.

The film opens just where its predecessor left off. However, Neo (Keanu Reeves) is now trapped between the two worlds - the Matrix and the real world. Trinity (Carrie-Ann Moss) and

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3:45 p.m.

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vs. Lenoir-Rhyne
7 p.m.

Men's Basketball
@Hickory, N.C.
7:30 p.m.

Saturday
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Women's Basketball
vs. Slippery Rock
2:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball
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8 p.m.

Wednesday
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Men's Basketball
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4:30 or 6:30 p.m.

Gyre Meeting
Charlotte Room
6 p.m.

WMLU Meeting
Hiner 207
9 p.m.

Monday
24

Young Democrats
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6 p.m.

Outdoor Club
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CD Review: *Things that Fall from the Sky*

Amy Whipple
Asst. Editor

Charley's favorite Sunday night singer, Vyktoria Pratt Keating, is just amazing.

Not that I'm biased.

I've taken the liberty of reviewing her fourth, and most recent, CD, entitled *Things that Fall from the Sky*, which was released earlier this year.

First of all, without even listening to the CD, I respect Keating for having written all her own songs. It's such a rarity today, especially amongst the cookie-cutter pop and rap that infiltrates the Dining Hall.

Keating is of the folk-rock genre, which is more apparent in her live performances. This particular CD rings very closely to Tori Amos, though.

I don't like Tori Amos.

I do, however, enjoy this CD.

The songs take on a spacey atmosphere (ha, ha). The music part is okay, but her lyrics are what impress me the most.

The lyrics are thick and poetic, but

fairly light, especially for a folk singer. The last two tracks are the most impressive. "You and Me" and "I Am" very much capture more typical feelings without being trite, the former being about love, while the latter is about (obviously) the self.

One verse from each of these especially capture me. In "You and Me," it's:

"Here I am, waitress to the dead / They feed off my stomach / and their nice words feed my head / But I grow weary and tired of this discovery / That only reminds me of how blind love can be / But I want you to know, how our love should go."

From "I Am," this verse is the best probably out of the whole CD:

"Paint the lilies in your hair / And

climb the winding spiral air / Tell God and all of them up there / Hello from me down here / I am almost there."

It's easy to see how Keating has opened for phenomenal acts such as Jethro Tull and Mary Chapin Carpenter. It was actually during her tour with Tull, her self-proclaimed greatest achievement, that she found inspiration for this latest CD.



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fying finish, the third film just leaves you frustrated. For the alleged final film of the series, the conclusion is quite unsatisfying and leaves you musing over further developments.

Luckily, as the plot lines have weakened, the special effects have improved. The Wachowski brothers dazzle the screen with a 20-minute battle sequence for the control of Zion. Although a bit drawn out, the seamless convergence of computer animation with live action maintains your visual attention.

Yet there is more to the movies than just Computer Graphic Images. Although religious allegories weren't as apparent in the second installment as the first, even the most casual

observer would have no difficulty in spotting them in this film. The film is teeming with religious metaphor and allusions, primarily of Christian overtones. And as if it wasn't blatant enough, this film will leave no room for interpretation. Neo symbolizes Jesus Christ.

Despite all the hype, *The Matrix: Revolutions* failed to cap off the trilogy. The first introduced you to a brilliant concept; the second flipped you around, changed your thinking, and left you wanting more; and the third couldn't produce.

The Wachowski brothers ran out of ideas, resulting in simplistic answers -- or in some case, negation -- to complicated plot scenarios. Perhaps, in retrospect, a few more months spent writing the third installment wouldn't have been a bad idea.

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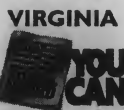
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Drinking is good, being a fish? Not so good.

Aries (Mar. 21-April 19)

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Taurus (April 20-May 20)

What were you thinking? Uh huh, we thought so.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Twins, double the trouble, reality check yourself and chew some gum.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

It's not that serious, you still have three weeks till grades come out, bake some cookies and all will be good.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Roar! Don't be timid, state how you feel.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22)

Consider the Lily...and the rose...and the tulip, now wake up and consider yourself.

Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22)

That Quaker Oats guy is stalking you.

Scorpio (Oct. 23.-Nov. 21)

Snuff films are not cool, yo!

Tongue in Cheek

by Ellie Woodruff



Things I like to see #66: Dried fruit sitting next to bottled water.

Letters From London

Paula Nusbaum
Staff Writer

This has been a fairly ordinary week so far. Things are starting to wind down.

I'm trying to get all my papers and homework done. It's difficult for me because the University of Westminster doesn't have exams until January, so I have to finish all my work this December while still attending classes.

I wish I didn't have work to do, then this whole experience would be perfect.

President Bush is visiting London this week on an official state visit.

I was told this is the first official visit by a US president. Apparently an official state visit means that you are invited by the queen to stay at Buckingham Palace.

This whole visit has dominated the news here for the last week or so.

There are a lot of protests planned throughout the week all around the city.

People here passionately hate Bush. They think he is uncouth, unintelligent, and greedy. When I first came here I had the impression that because of Bush and his administration, the English would dislike Americans.

This really isn't true. It seems

like people differentiate between the politics and the people.

As one British friend put it, "It's not that we don't like Americans, it's just that we just don't like America."

An interesting episode happened earlier in the week. I was

sitting around the kitchen table with a group of my neighbours.

Somehow we ended up talking about our addictions. Someone mentioned their addiction to cigarettes, another to food.

So I mentioned that I used to be addicted to coke, and went on to say that I had tried unsuccessfully twice to quit, but the third time was easy.

Patrick, a boyfriend of a girl on my hall, just kind of started at me and said, "I really wouldn't expect that from you", and kept saying how surprised he was.

I was really confused, thinking that being addicted to soft drinks wasn't that big of a deal.

Then Brigetta, his girlfriend, explained that I was talking about the soft drink and not the drug. It seemed like most of the



people present thought I was saying I used to be addicted to cocaine.

Misunderstandings like that happen all the time.

Even though my classes are ok, I am finding my teachers a little difficult. I guess being at Longwood, I'm used to teachers being friendly and open.

While the teachers aren't necessarily unfriendly here, they aren't exactly approachable either.

The student-teacher relationship is much more like a business here, where, the student is paying for an education, and the teacher is providing it.

While that happens in the US as well, it seems that at Longwood there is more interaction, and it doesn't feel so much like a business relationship.

Paula visiting the Roman Baths



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Stephanie Riggaby
Staff Advisor

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You are missing perhaps one of the best, if not the very best, dinners this school has to offer.

Nothing beats the delicious roast turkey, the yummy goodness of the whipped potatoes, and the sweet and wonderful reward of the Baked Alaska at the end of the meal.

But what those of you may not know is that this is the 48th consecutive year that Thanksgiving Dinner has been served at Longwood.

The dinner has actually been served for 49 years, as long as Lewis Walker, the premier baker of the Dining Hall staff has been making those fabulous Baked Alaskas from scratch.

Yes, boys and girls, there is a Santa Claus and the wonderful Baked Alaska you crave this time every year is actually homemade, not store bought.

According to Mike Lysaght, director of Dining Services for Aramark here at Longwood, every meal for all the students prior to at least 1985 was a sit down meal.

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner were served to tables of eight to twelve and the food was passed around just like traditional family meals.

In 1985, a buffet style meal was added to the regular sit down dinner style for those students unable to attend regular dinner.

When the New Dining Hall was built, it became a major task of Lysaght's to translate the Thanksgiving dining experience from the old Blackwell dining hall to the New Dining Hall.

He drew up a proposal that incorporated the Grand Dining Room, a Buffet-Style Menu, and Salons A and B for the faculty and staff.

The Grand Dining Room and Salons A and B would incorporate all the aspects of

The Buffet-Style menu is perfect for students who are in class or just don't have time for the sit down experience.

The menu is the same for both the buffet and the sit down dinner. Harris states "our workers work very hard" to bring you a dinner that you'll remember long after you have left Longwood.

Both Lysaght and Harris encourage all of those students who have reserved tables for the sit down dinner to arrive on time with your entire party and have your Student ID's ready.

As always, the seating is limited and it is recommended that you arrive no later than five minutes after your reservation time and that all of you attending cannot change your attendance time.

Harris, who has been with Longwood for nineteen years, explains one of her favorite aspects of this Longwood Tradition.

She says she loves this dinner because "you're here with your family at school."

Lysaght loves it "when students come down and have dinner and take pictures."

He says, "It's great when the cameras come out."

Don't miss out on the opportunity to break out the camera and come down to one of the best traditions this school has to offer.

There's going to be turkey, ham, cranberry sauce, whipped potatoes, green beans, corn, yams, assorted breads, gravy, stuffed shells for the vegetarians and, of course, Baked Alaska.

By the way, did I mention that the Baked Alaska is served with strawberry sauce?

Mmmmmmm, sooooo good!



the traditional sit down dinner, right down to the tablecloths, bowls, and dinnerware, so that according to Tina Harris, "It's just like you're at home away from home."

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Ambassador Spotlight

By Emily Miller

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Ashley Bilbo

Congratulations

Longwood Women's Basketball Holds Off Lenoir-Rhyne 63-59

Sports Information

The Longwood University women's basketball team was victorious in its home opener this evening as they held off Lenoir-Rhyne 63-59 in Lancer Hall.

The Lancers improve to 2-1 with the win, while the Bears drop to 1-2.

Longwood led by as many as six points in the first half, with junior All-American Candidate Marita Meldere (Ruijena, Lativa/Lynchburg Christian) hitting five of eight shots from the floor. Lenoir-Rhyne went on a 4-0 run to close the lead to 26-24 at the end of the half.

The Lancers came out strong in the second half, building the lead to 54-39.

However, an almost four minute scoring drought allowed the Bears to come with in four points with less than three min-

utes left when Lanica Williams stole the ball and ran down the court for an easy lay-up.

Senior Ebony Smith (Palmyra, Va./Fluvanna County) connected on a pair of



Meldere tallied her third consecutive double-figure scoring night and second double-double of the season with 19 points and 12 rebounds. Senior Erica Marcum (Charleston, W.Va./George Washington) chipped in 11 points, three steals and two assists, while freshman Ashleigh Hollman Centerville, Va./Westfield) came off the points to add 10 points on 4-of-8 shooting. Smith pulled down a career-high 11 rebounds as well.

For the game, the Lancers shot 39.6 percent from the floor, out rebound the Bears 40-35 and forced 27 turnovers.

Longwood will host the 12th Annual C&L Lancer Classic November 20-22 in Lancer Hall.

The first game of the tournament features the Lancers and Pittsburgh-Johnstown on Thursday at 7 p.m.

free throws late in the game to give Longwood a 59-52 advantage.

Lenoir-Rhyne got to within four with 17 seconds to go, but the Lancers managed to pull-out the victory.

Watts, Ramey and Lernihan Earn Post-Season Field Hockey Honors

Sports Information

Longwood University sophomore forward Alexis Ramey (Westminster, Calif./Marina), junior forward Lorrie Watts (Fredericksburg, Va./Stafford) and freshman Katy Lernihan (Fredericksburg, Va./Chancellor) racked up postseason honors this week from several field hockey organizations.

Ramey and Watts were named to the 2003 STX/NFHCA

Division II All-American second team, while Lernihan earned All-American Rookie team honors from womensfieldhockey.com.

Ramey, who started 11 of 12 games this season, was second on the team with

seven goals and had an assist for 15 points.

She fired 25 shots in 2003 for a .280 shots percentage. Watts led Longwood in scoring with eight goals and seven assists for 23 points.

She finished the year ranked fourth nationally in assists per game (.580).

This is Watts second-straight All-American honor. Lernihan tallied three

goals and two assists, while starting 18 of 19 games for the Lancers.

Lernihan's 26 shots gave her a shots percentage of .115. The Lancers finished the 2003 season with a record of 8-11.



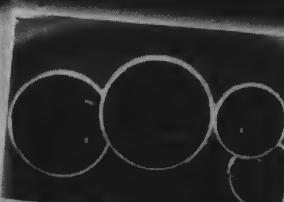
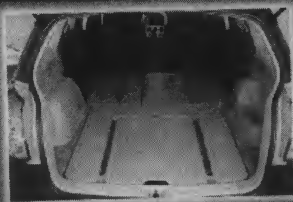
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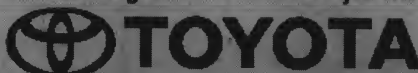


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Men's Basketball Overall Record: 1-0

Sports Information

Charles Stephens/Danville (GW-Danville) hit a three-point field goal at the buzzer to lift Longwood University past Winston-Salem State University 71-70 November 15 in North Carolina.

The exciting season-opening win by the Lancers (1-0) gave first-year head coach Mike Gillian a victory in his first game at the institution.

Longwood will play again this Friday, November 21, at Mount Olive College during the first-round of the 38th Annual Pickle Classic hosted by the Trojans in North Carolina. Stephens, a 6-4 senior All-America candidate, nailed his game-winning three-pointer while fading away from about 23-feet just right of the circle on an in-bounds play under the Longwood basket with just nine-tenths of a second remaining.

Winston-Salem State had missed on a pair of free throw attempts with 12.8-seconds left, and the Lancers had missed on a shot attempt in the lane with the ball going out of bounds off the Rams before the decisive in-bounds play and game-winning shot at the end.

"Charles made a great shot against two defenders," said Coach Gillian. "It was just an incredible game and an incredible finish. It was exciting and very

fulfilling to win that first game."

The game was close throughout with 11 lead-changes and nine ties, including a 31-31 deadlock at the intermission.

Stephens scored seven points in the opening half, but it was a pair of freshmen who kept Longwood in the game early as 6-4 Maurice Sumter/Alexandria (T.C. Williams) and 6-3 Michael Jefferson/Chesterfield (Meadowbrook) totaled nine and six points, respectively.

Sumter's points came on 3-3 shooting on three-pointers, including the third try that gave the Lancers their largest lead of the half at 19-12 (8:17).

In the second half, the two teams went back and forth with six of the lead-changes and six of the ties over the final 20 minutes.

W-SSU took its largest lead at 57-52 with 6:57 remaining before Longwood made its final run to lead 67-66 at 2:55 on a layup from 5-9 senior Ryan Earl/Tustin, Calif. (Tustin).

Jefferson then tied the game at 68-68 with a free throw at 1:05, but the Rams went ahead 70-68 with 30-seconds remaining on a shot-clock-beating jumper from the baseline, and the Lancers had to overcome a last-second turnover as well before the final possession.

Jefferson led Longwood with a game-high 22 points in his collegiate debut, adding six rebounds.

Stephens finished with 19 points, nine rebounds, and two blocks, while Sumter had 15 points on perfect 5-5 shooting from beyond the arc in his debut.

The Lancers shot 58% (25-43) from the field, including 65% (15-23) in the second half, and a torrid 82% (9-11) on three-point field goals, while adding 60% (12-20) at the free throw line. Audley Wehner led Winston-Salem State with 20 points, Jay Maynard added 17 points, and Alleggie Guinn had 15 points.

The Rams shot 41% (29-70) from the field, including 29% (5-14) on three pointers, and 54% (7-13) at the line.

This weekend at the Pickle Classic, Longwood will play a Mount Olive team that it split two games against last season - winning 81-76 in Farmville before falling 66-63 in North Carolina. Stephens averaged 29.5 points against the Trojans a year ago, while Mount Olive's 6-7 senior forward, Marcus West, averaged 24.0 points against the Lancers in the two games. Elizabeth City State University and the University of Tampa are also participating in the tournament.

Tip-off Friday night is scheduled for 8 p.m., while Saturday's game will be at either 4:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. "We are really looking forward to heading down to Mount Olive to compete in the

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NFL Update: Week 11

Pat Sullivan
Staff Writer

My how things have changed since the start of the season eleven weeks ago. Teams that started off strong are now struggling for wins, and teams that had trouble finding the end zone are now tied atop their division.

Philadelphia's roller coaster season started with people proclaiming them the team to beat in the NFC, to being the butt of every joke, and then right back to where they started especially after their impressive win against the Giants.

Then there are the Bizarro-Eagles, the Minnesota Vikings, who other teams wished were on their schedule.

This quickly changed as the team won their first six, but all is back to normal as a defeat by the Raiders is the fourth the team has dropped since then, yet still remain first in their division.

Another team that had started strong and seemed to hit a wall is the Bills who, after combining for nearly 70 points in the first two outings, have not registered a touchdown in three straight games.

Steve Spurrier thought his Fun 'n' Gun was off and running when his team started three and one, but dropping five of their last six, including this week's loss to Carolina, has dropped them to the bottom of the NFC East.

Their long-time rivals the Cowboys, despite being shut out against the Patriots, are still clinging to first place in their division.

Possibly one of the biggest surprises this year has been the other flop the Buccaneers have been dropping yet another game, this time to the Packers.

Similarly, the Steelers looked like easy favorites to win their division where thrashed by the 49ers to drop them near the bottom of the NFL.

Another has been how bad the Falcons have become without the help of Michael Vick, losing a divisional game against his cousin Aaron Brooks and the Saints.

Of course there are still some teams performing as predicted. Detroit continues its losing ways against Seattle and Chicago once again blows it in the fourth quarter against the Rams. And of course the fans in Arizona continue to hide their faces after the Cardinals still look for a road win after a defeat in Cleveland.

Player of the Week: Peter Warrick caught six passes for 114 yards and a touchdown alongside with a punt return for another touchdown helped fulfill Chad Johnson's guarantee of a Bengals win against the previously unbeaten Chiefs. Add the Ravens' loss to the 'Fins and now the Bengals are in :gasps: first place?!

Tell Me When: ... all the dust is settled and the season has ended who will win the AFC South; the Titans fresh off a win against the Jaguars or the Colts who just downed the Jets? Whoever it is, with both teams at eight and 2, they will have an excellent chance for home-field advantage in the playoffs.

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Blast From the Past: Lancers Take Three Straight Victories

Roger Strong
Staff Writer

This article originally appeared in the December 5, 1978 issue of The Rotunda.

The Longwood Lancers opened their season November 24 with an 81-72 victory over Bluefield at the Hampden-Sydney Invitational. Randy Johnson led the Lancers with 21 points. Johnson's sparkling performance off the bench keyed a Lancer scoring spree midway through the first half, which gave the Lancers an 11-point lead with seven minutes left in the half. From there on in the Lancers were never seriously threatened.

Coach Ron Bash commented after the game that he expected the Lancers to run away from the Rams, but he was nevertheless pleased with the victory.

In the final game of the Hampden-Sydney tournament the H-SC Tigers defeated the Longwood Lancers by a score of 60-44. The first eight minutes of the game proved disastrous for LC as the Tigers rolled to an early 12-0 lead. After leading 23-15 at half-time, H-SC continued to build the margin down the stretch, hitting over half of their second half points from the free-throw line. H-SC was led by Tommy Jackson with 23 points. Longwood was led by all-tourney selection "Tee" Alston with 16 points.

Kenny Ford led a balanced scoring attack with 17 points to propel the Longwood Lancers to a 76-58 victory over N.C. Wesleyan Tuesday night in Rocky Mountain, N.C.

Ford was followed by Kevin Newton with 13, and Shack Leonard with 10.



Alston led the Lancers on the boards, hauling in 15 rebounds. Longwood moved its record to 2-1 with its win.

Shack Leonard's 20 points led Longwood to a 74-70 victory over King College last Thursday night in Bristol, Tennessee.

Leonard, hitting on eight of 11 field goal attempts, and four of seven from the free throw line, had his best offensive night of the year by far. Three other Lancers were in double figures. Kenny Ford continued to contribute his steady scoring punch to the Longwood attack with 11 points. Randy Johnson also had 11, while Kevin Newton added 10. Tee Alston once again led

the Lancers in rebounds with seven. With Thursday night's win, Longwood upped its record to 3-1.

"Easy Tee" Alston pumped in 18 points, and Shack Leonard had 17 as the Longwood Lancers crushed Christopher Newport's Captains by a score of 72-60 Saturday night.

The Lancers jumped out to a 31-20 halftime lead and were never threatened in the second half, building the lead to 19 at one point.

Alston hit on seven of eight field goal attempts and once again led the Lancers rebounding attack with 11 retrievals. Leonard continued his strong offensive play, dishing out five assists in addition to tallying 17 points.

Longwood placed nine players in the scoring column as balance continued to punctuate the Lancers' success. Kenny Ford scored 13 points, hitting in double figures for the fourth time this season.

Longwood improved their record to 4-1 with their third consecutive win.

The Lancers have shown constant improvement in every game this year. Their record is quite impressive at this point considering that every game has been on the road. French Gym should undoubtedly be packed for the Lancers' home opener on Thursday against Averett's Cougars.

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much in love with, but it seems that I'm better off without him. I do have two STTs, but I can still have a very full life.

I take two grams of Valtrex a day, three Aldara treatments a week, along with an acid treatment. That is when acid is placed directly on the lesions, and they are burned off. It's definitely not pleasant.

This doesn't have to bring me down, if I don't let it. If it wasn't for Beth and Student Health helping me through this, I don't know where I would be. Most likely I'd be failing out of school from depression, and that's no way to live.

Student Health has educated me, and helped me make some

very good decisions regarding the new paths that I have chosen. They've also helped me learn from the bad ones.

Because I have been helped by the wonderful people at Student Health, I would also like to take some responsibility to help someone else. I have set up an email account if anyone would like to email me their questions on STTs, pregnancy, HIV, or any issues that need discussing. It's the least I

can do to give back to the Longwood community, when they took care of me first. The address is asktheherpster@aol.com.

Thank you so much, Student Health. I know sometimes the health field seems thankless, but you truly are appreciated.

-A Greatful Longwood Student

This doesn't have to bring me down, if I don't let it

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Pickle Classic next weekend," explained Gillian. "There is an excellent field that has been put together for the tournament and the games will be a big challenge for us. Our match-up with Mount Olive on opening night should be a good one, featuring two players in Charles Stephens and Mount

Olive's Marcus West, that are both deservedly receiving national attention."

All Longwood University men's basketball games are broadcast locally in the Farmville area on The All New Eagle 1490, WPAK-AM as well as worldwide on the Internet at longwoodlancers.com via TEAMLINE and TRZ Sports Services.

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Catch the Spirit:

Two Longwood professors prepare for 50th anniversary of *Brown vs. State Board of Education*

Jennifer Wall
LU Press Relations

"We conclude that in the field of public education the doctrine of 'separate but equal' has no place. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal," wrote Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren in the Court's opinion in *Brown v. Board of Education* on May 17, 1954, in what is generally considered the most important case decided by the U.S. Supreme Court in the 20th century.

In the fall of 2002, Theresa Clark, associate professor of social work, and Larissa Smith, assistant professor of history, joined thoughts and energies to ensure Longwood's commemoration of the 50th anniversary of *Brown vs. State Board of*

Education.

As co-chairs of the Brown vs. Board Commemoration Committee, Dr. Clark and Dr. Smith have worked to plan events on campus during the spring of 2004. The planned events will enable the Longwood community to learn more about the history of the Brown decision, to explore the consequences and legacies of that decision, and to stimulate discussions acknowledging Longwood's role in these past events and develop plans to work for a more just and equitable society, both locally and nationally.

"By increasing the level of sensitivity and awareness to the issues surrounding Brown vs. State Board of Education as they relate to today's society, we want

to provoke discussions on campus on what we can do to bring about a just and equitable society," stated Theresa Clark.

"In addition to the committee's work, planning these events has demonstrated the university's commitment to the commemoration project," said Larissa Smith. "It has been a collaborative effort across campus. Support has come from the President's office, office of Student Affairs, Student Government Association, office of Public Relations, University Lectures committee, office of Multicultural Affairs, Lancer Productions, and the office of Alumni Affairs."

Theresa A. Clark is a native of Prince Edward County. She attended Lunenburg County



Schools during the school closing in Prince Edward. After graduating from Prince Edward County Public Schools, Theresa received her B.A. in sociology from Virginia State University (VSU), her M.S. in education from Longwood and her Ph.D. in social work from Virginia Commonwealth University. Dr. Clark was the first female to be appointed and elected to the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors. She has been presi-

dent of the Prince Edward County Council on Human Relations, chair of the Prince Edward County Department of Social Services Board and a member of the Crossroads Services Board. Currently, Dr. Clark is serving as a board member to Southside Community Hospital and is a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. providing community service.

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WMLU DJs Reach Out to Community

Leslie Smith
Copy Editor

DJ moguls, "Lick it" (a.k.a. Josh Howell) and "Stick it" (a.k.a. Aaron Canada), have introduced a service to the campus, the On Campus Disc Jockey Service (OCDJS).

They have preformed at a few functions last semester: the Sigma Kappa Alzheimer's Walk, the Color Wars, the Tri Sigma Battered Woman's Walk, and the Unity Alliance Drag Show.

This service used to be available through William Lynn and Rick Neller, who still give the service to bigger events, but Howell commented that he thought that it was more personal if a student DJ would come to play music at a student event.

As for the services themselves, Howell and Canada would like organizations to follow certain steps: contacting OCDJS at least two weeks before the proposed

event. Preparing a detailed letter of intent for OCDJS to review. Specifying what kind of services are required - whether or not items such as microphones are needed at the event. The format of the show is essential when the DJs pick out appropriate music for the event.

There have been problems in the past with unorganized groups, but Howell and Canada hope to put those times behind them with stricter policies.

Any group on campus that has been approved by the SGA has this service available to them, but Howell and Canada stress that no personal parties will be catered. They did say that frat socials could be acceptable, as long as it is not a party setting.

Howell and Canada were the first in the history of WMLU (and, previously, WLCC) to come up with the idea of student-run DJ service. They are interested in



finding committed DJs to help out with the (currently) two-man show.

Though they do not ask for monetary compensation for their services, Howell did say that "we will take donations that go strictly towards our equipment, but we're trying to get more established so that the SGA will eventually recognize us."

"We just try to have fun with it," Howell finished.

Contact Josh Howell at jhowell@longwood.edu or Aaron Canada at amcanada@longwood.edu for further information.

Introducing Longwood Lancer D1 Pepsi Cans

Jennifer Wall
LU Public Relations

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Words From the Editor



It's 12:40 in the morning, first issue of the paper, second week of school, and there are

two of us in the office. Four classes in a row tomorrow morning, four hours of work, and meetings. Tonight, I shall not sleep.

And I realize, I've got so much space to fill.

Perhaps you shouldn't start reading this until you maybe need to take the biggest crap in the world. It's going to be awhile before it ends.

Leslie tells me it's not going to be okay. I'm going to slug her.

First, I suppose, an introduction of sorts is due. I also sup-

pose that this will be the longest editor introduction in the history of *The Rotunda*.

I started my journalism career in the fourth grade when my best friend and I were pulled from our class. For what, we had no idea. Good kids, we knew we weren't getting in trouble. Little did I know that waiting for me at the end of the hall would be a meeting that would change my entire life.

It was a cheesy paper. One legal-sized pink page every month or so, but I loved it.

Near the end of sixth grade, I applied to be on the paper at the middle school. To my delight, I was chosen to join the staff, rather than take the introduction to journalism class that most of the seventh graders were

required to take.

Middle school is a weird, weird time, but I found a home for myself. Even at thirteen-years-old, journalists are already a really distinctive bunch.

I owe a whole bunch to our journalism teacher. We were a product of Whole Language, whatever that really means, thus none of us had any grasp whatsoever on grammar or the like. So besides learning journalism for those two years, we were forced fed everything we didn't learn in elementary school language arts. I still, however, can't spell for the life of me.

(Those who know me today probably can't see an Amy who isn't a grammar nazi. It came quickly to me, though, and has stuck by me ever since.)

From middle school, I was sent into the depths of Journalism 1, a mandatory class for anyone who wanted to work on the newspaper or the yearbook.

Brooke Ramey Nelson was a loud-mouthed Texan with more credentials than most high school newspapers ask for. (A hint as to my personality - I'm cringing hardcore that I just ended that sentence in a preposition, but it's 12:58, and I just don't care.) She had spent several years writing and editing for *The Washington Post*, and from her knowledge, she filled our heads with journalistic tidbits I still share with everyone that steps into this office.

High school journalism was a good time for growing, not only in terms of journalism, but in life as well. At sixteen, I had finished my eight-year stint as a cheerleader, and I was ready to expand my horizons. (Whoever just made fun of me being a cheerleader is going to be the victim of a sharp right hook.) I wasn't the same person I had been for all those years. At sixteen, I had found an actual talent.

Mike, Nikki, and I were the only three sophomores that were section editors on the paper. When senior year rolled around, the three of us (WWW as our last names would have it), were all named co-editors. I had a glorious time that year, beginning with a story that grabbed national attention and ending with the highest award from the Virginia High School League.

But when I walked out of room 215 of West Springfield High School, I was sure that I was done with journalism. Longwood College in Nowhere, Virginia had accepted me to be among their ranks as up-and-coming elementary school teachers. That was a hard decision for me - choosing between journalism and teaching. It slipped my mind that I could do both.

It only took two weeks for me to realize how absolutely boring Farmville was, so as a scared and lonely freshman, I joined *The Rotunda*. As it turns out, I was the only freshman on the staff, so the juniors and seniors took me as their baby, and I spread the knowledge I had accumulated over the past several years.

(Oh my God, this page just isn't filling up the way it needs to be. Time check says it's 1:17 a.m. If you see me today, perhaps you could punch me in the face and put me out of my misery. Perhaps you could also write a Letter to the Editor, so I don't have to do this again next week.)

Perhaps a bit more about me, but not in terms of the paper?

This is the first semester I've actually done my work. I gave up on homework in the third grade, but I'm making a valiant effort to change the way I work. However, because of this paper, I am not finishing my reading for American Lit II. Sorry, Dr. C. By that alone can you tell I'm an English major?

I get really snobby about being an English major. I actually get really snobby about a lot of things: coffee, museums, what actually constitutes as Northern Virginia, books, music, and life in general. I need to stop doing that. It's 1:27 in the morning, though, so I'm not sure now is the time.

Despite being a feminist and a lesbian, I'm really conservative. I've learned to keep my mouth shut around most people, as it only leads to trouble when I don't. I'm also very strong in my faith, though I'm also very strong in the idea that faith is very personal, thus you do not have to run the risk of me pushing my ideals onto you. Ask, and I will share, otherwise you probably won't catch me talking about God.

I'm very into folk music, prima-

rily contemporary folk. If I could have a one-night stand with anyone in the world, it would be singer/songwriter Susan Werner. (If anyone wants to cut this out and send it to her, that's fine with me. Just as long as I don't get arrested.)

I'm stalking a dead woman.

(I should just leave it at that and let everyone wonder.)

Let's see. I'm the webmaster for both the radio station and UA. For the radio, my regular show with DJ Rog Pog (I'm DJ Good Game) is on Fridays from 1-3 p.m. "The Caffeine Diary" is two hours of wonderful folk and soft rock goodness. On Mondays from 11-12 a.m., Mr. Canada and I have "Pimp Juice" (he thought that name up, just so you know), which is the first ever Longwood Sex Talk Show.

(If my mother ever reads this column, I do believe that I am out of a home and college tuition.)

I say lots of odd catch phrases like "Good Christ on a popsicle stick" and "What the nut." I call people in my classes "Dippity doo heads." I don't ever really make sense.

(I haven't really left this chair in the last eight hours. My butt is starting to go numb.)

I really love being female. I don't hate men, even though popular theory says I should. My only regret about being female is not being able to pee my name in the snow. I suppose I'll survive.

My biggest promise for the semester, besides the whole doing my work thing, is to stop showing my underwear to everyone. Something about it being time to grow up; I'm sure it's all a lie anyway.

I think I just broke the desk.

So I leave you with this, at 1:47 in the morning. Patty Griffin is playing over the computer speakers; Scott and Leslie are sitting beside me. The night is just beginning.

Here's to the semester. Here's to us. Here's to you.

Amy Whipple
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Change of Heart, Change of Plans

Willard A. Vaughn
Staff Writer

For most of us, a new year brings a new set of empty, unfulfilled goals that we set for ourselves to achieve throughout the year.

These New Year's Resolutions, usually based on bad habits that we have created for ourselves, normally bring us right back to the same place a year later, having gained twenty pounds and drinking enough to make an alcoholic smile.

But this year for me is different. I have made the conscious decision to make a change for myself in the positive direction.

This change is largely based upon a book that I have started reading entitled *How to Win Friends and Influence People* by Dale Carnegie.

This book I noticed was required reading for a class in the Psychology department, so while I was purchasing my \$110 book that I needed for the class I was taking, I spent \$13.50 on this book that I didn't (and thus successfully ripping it out of the hands of one of the students in that class-sorry). I wanted to read it for entertainment purposes; unbeknownst to me how life changing it would be.

In just reading the first chapter, I have decided to change my outlook on life. This change is twofold. First of all, this little editorial marks the end of my journey as Opinion Editor of *The Rotunda*. This decision is based upon the latter half of my epiphany: I have decided to no longer look at things negatively.

Within the pages of this paper I have written several things that have for the most part been negative. One such article written at the beginning of last fall semester, resulted in the removal of me as president of one organization and most likely a demotion in another. Oh, and not to mention a nasty backlash of politicking

and lies that resulted in me losing a job within the town.

But even that in of itself is a good thing. It led me to the office of the Rotunda to seek new experiences in an organization that I knew nothing about. I was welcomed with open arms and immediately placed in a new leadership position that I knew even less about.

I thought I could make a change for the better by being the person accountable for the words within the Op/Ed pages. I suppose I had lofty expectations, and everything pretty much remained the same. But that's okay. Sometimes uniformity is a good thing and *The Rotunda* is a shining example of this principal.

Without publications like the Rotunda to make us laugh or to make us think, this campus would most likely not be a very interesting place to be. For this reason alone I think that this newspaper and its entire staff should receive every award that Longwood has to offer.

So as I close one door, I open another. For I've realized, again referencing this experience, that most negativity is inspired from three things: ignorance, annoyance, and inconvenience. Over the last semester I've attempted to follow up on a few claims made by opinion writers in order to either confirm what they had to

say, who they were, or to maybe actually do a hard hitting journalistic account of the corruption exposed by the students of this school (again, I had lofty expectations). Each time that I attempted to do this, these traits were blatantly apparent.

Most were very surprised and agitated that I would actually follow up with them, and most were unable to answer the queries posed to them.

But that's the beauty of having an opinion and being given the first amendment right to be able to print such opinion. This I was reminded of harshly by another editor when I attempted to "proofread" a piece that was incredibly inflammatory, and again when I wanted to amend something that was...well...just plain gross.

Most people are not going to do is think to themselves: "Gee...maybe I am an idiot that doesn't deserve to be in a college setting; I think I'll just go home."

As the old saying goes, you can't fight fire with fire. This is why I have made the decision to attempt to think more positively. I predict that in the coming year, it will make me happier and more tolerable to the people around me. The challenge is to see if people around me follow suit. For its not easy to be positive; it involves reprogramming you're entire way of thinking.

We'll see how it works out.

props and drops

Props:

- + To Mary Carroll-Hackett's Dramatic Writing class
- + To finally being able to take Young Adult Lit
- + To two Challenger classes in one semester!
- + To being able to walk between the Student Union and the D-Hall. Now, for the rest of it.
- + To the only time in the semester when we can get all our work done

Drops:

- To Stephanie's large course load
- To no longer sleeping twelve hours at a time
- To freezing weather and no snow
- To bad grades from last semester
- To professors with bad attitudes
- To Bush's stance on gay marriage

Speak Out

What would you change about
The Rotunda?



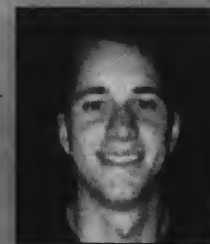
I would like to see more book reviews.
Soyna Montoya
-Junior



More music reviews on underground or less known bands.
Nicki Saunders
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Larissa Smith grew up in Northern Virginia and graduated from Chantilly High School in 1989. She received her B.A. in political and social thought from the University of Virginia in 1993. While at UVA, she was an Echols Scholar and served as a program director for the tutoring program at Madison House, UVA's student volunteer center.

Dr. Smith became interested in history when she took a course on the history of the civil rights movement with Professor Julian Bond, now chairman of the board of the NAACP, in 1990. She went on to pursue concentrations in African American studies and southern history, and she wrote her senior undergraduate thesis on Charles H. Houston, the architect of the NAACP's legal campaign to challenge segregated education and the mentor of Thurgood Marshall, the first African American to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. In 2001, she earned her Ph.D. in American history

from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. She came to Longwood in the fall of 2000, following a one-year position teaching at VSU in Petersburg.

In March 2003, Dr. Smith received a Resident Fellowship from the Virginia Foundation for Humanities and Public Policy (VFH) in Charlottesville. In the spring semester 2004, she will be in residence at the VFH, working on her book manuscript, titled "Where the South Begins: Black Politics and the Struggle for Civil Rights in Virginia, 1930-1956."

Upcoming events:

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Penn State Launches File-Sharing Experiment

U-Wire

Since its birth in a college dorm room nearly six years ago, Napster has been a word-of-mouth sensation, on the cover of Time magazine, the defendant in a lawsuit filed by Metallica and bought by a German media conglomerate, only to become a complete and utter business failure.

But after Napster filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in June 2002 and was presumably left to die, the infamous name and unmistakable logo have been revived.

The deal signed in November between Napster, owned by parent company Roxio, and Pennsylvania State University saw fruition last weekend as the digital music progenitor returned to the community that first embraced it: the college campus.

And as students take time to test out the software, they can rest assured that every CEO of every major technology -- and music -- related business is watching and waiting for their opinions.

"We're the first in the nation, or world even, [to have this partnership]," said Sam Haldeman, assistant to the associate vice provost for information technology services, aka the man who was commissioned to test and choose the online music service for Penn State.

But there's more behind Haldeman's statement than sheer bravado. It's a statement that points out Penn State's unique position, and it isn't just the techies who are paying attention.

Congress has praised the university in its efforts to combat illegal file sharing, and "NBC Nightly News" scheduled a segment discussing the deal.

"We are concerned about what we perceive to be a wide-spread illegal phenomenon, while educating students about the legal and moral implications and ramifications of copyright infringement," Haldeman said.

But perhaps more specifically, as Matt Jackson, assistant professor of telecommunications, pointed out, the real thing these businesses want to find out is: "Once they graduate, will students continue to use a legal service, or will they go back to what is free?"

Jackson likened the situation to Penn State's current contract with Pepsi, which has been the university's soda of choice for the past eight years.

"Pepsi pays extra to be the only soda with the hope that when students graduate, they continue to buy it," he said. "That is taking advantage of a controlled atmosphere. This is a bad thing to the extent

that students who would use another service continue to use Napster because it is all that is offered."

But it seems, at least for now, students are still able to find an alternate means.

And while this sounds like a great deal for everyone involved, Haldeman's explanation brings up another point that has consistently been raised against the Napster agreement.

"It is not a valid answer [that Penn State got a good deal]," Jackson said. "It could be a very good deal, but money is still going from Penn State to Napster. Instead, it could be going to new technology funds or a refund to students. The university is being very disingenuous [when saying students don't have to pay]."

Haldeman, however, represents the university's philosophy toward the project, which has been one of taking advantage of a situation.

"We recognized that students were in dire desire of music, and we had the leverage and power to do something about it," Haldeman said.

Here is where the skeptics point out that Spanier is co-chair of the Committee on Higher Education and the Entertainment Industry along with RIAA president Cary Sherman, not to mention Penn State trustee Barry Robinson, who also splits his administrative time as senior counsel for corporate affairs with the RIAA.

"Some of the criticisms [against the deal] stem from ignorance of laws and a bias towards viewing the RIAA and artists as tyrannical millionaires," Haldeman said.

Brian Morrison, a junior in film and video, who has posted fliers around campus that read, "Do You Know About Bad Napster?," would have to agree that Haldeman has his cynics pegged.

"File sharing, whether or not people realize it, is a revolt against the system," Morrison said. "Essentially, the recording industry has been exploiting people for a long time, and file sharing is an answer to it."

Morrison said the university should have never gotten involved in the first place because the students, not the record industry, should be its first concern. He said he believes Penn State is taking money from university operations, such as the Microsoft software that is no longer available for free to students, and putting it in the recording industry's hands without providing an actual product.

In 2001 the record industry reported a 10 percent decrease in sales and a slew of figures pointed to online piracy as the culprit. The RIAA said that one peer-to-peer system was responsible for 1.8 billion unauthorized downloads per month and

that the number of burned CD's worldwide was most likely equal to the number of CD's sold at retail.

"Basic economics says they need to lower prices [to solve their decreased sales], but the recording industry would rather manipulate the system and tell us what to listen to [with programs like Napster]," Morrison said.

And that seems to be the bottom line when it comes to criticisms of the Napster deal.

"My major concern is if Napster is catering to the Big Five [record labels, which are Universal Music Group, BMG Entertainment, Sony Music Entertainment, EMI Group and Warner Brothers Music] or offers unprofitable deals to other artists," Jackson said. "That would be horrendous, and the university should have no part. They should have a stipulation that Napster offers the same deal to secondary artists and opens its service on a non-discriminatory basis."

As of Saturday, about 6,000 of the 18,000 students who live on campus have registered to use the Napster software. And despite a project that has never been attempted before by anyone, let alone the technology department at Penn State, the overall atmosphere in the student union

was one of optimism.

"We expected some difficulties since we're the first to do this," said Bill Mahon, university spokesman. "But so far everything is very optimistic."

According to Haldeman, only 20 complaints have been received, all of which he described as simple technical errors, such as registration difficulty and wrongly configured Internet settings. But neither Mahon nor Haldeman received complaints from Mac users, whose systems are not compatible with the Napster software.

"The issue is which songs are available, where the service can be used and who can use it," he said.

Napster currently adds 10,000 to 30,000 songs every week and offers more than 500,000 total tracks, but the company is not to be blamed for the absence of a specific artist, Haldeman said. It is up to the artist to give permission.

Greg Gabbard, the owner of City Lights, agreed that the Napster deal was a positive step toward curbing illegal file sharing. He also said he thinks that the service is geared toward the selling of single tracks, which is something his store doesn't deal in.

"If it's just singles, then there's no competition," Gabbard said. "Artists are getting paid, and that's the bottom line."

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Monday
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Juice"
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Tuesday
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Volunteer Orientation
Sessions
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Center

Chamber Music
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7:30 p.m., Wygal

Listen to "Alterna-
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How to Prepare for a
Job Fair
4:00 p.m., Career
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Comedy Hypnotist
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8:00 p.m., Jarmen

Wednesday
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HOROSCOPES

by Sam Wise-Ridges

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by Ellie Woodruff

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan 19)

The snowmen might leave you alone for a couple of days now that you've harnessed the power of your hairdryer.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Speak up in class this week! You never know when a teacher might be impressed.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

Remember to call your grandparents every once and a while and thank them. You wouldn't be here if it weren't for them.

Aries (Mar. 21-April 19)

Spiders will avoid you this week.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

If you pass a black cat, give to the poor.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Tricksters are looking for you this week, but not because they want to congratulate you on your newest ideas. Keep a low profile.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Eat your vegetables! And ketchup doesn't count.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Remember that the "weapons of mass destruction" are now actually "weapons of mass destruction development programs."

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22)

Spring is coming, so break out your dancing shoes.

Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22)

I see a house in your future...a glass house. Be careful, they tend to heat up quick.

Scorpio (Oct. 23.-Nov. 21)

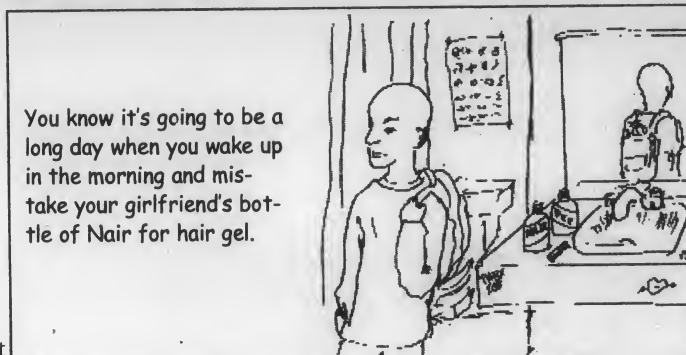
If you go on a mystical journey this week, make sure you wear your hiking boots.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Wrap it before you tap it!



"Well, I'm afraid that if your weekly firealarm checks aren't sufficient, we'll have to let the building burn to the ground. After all, rewiring them wouldn't be very cost effective..."



You know it's going to be a long day when you wake up in the morning and mistake your girlfriend's bottle of Nair for hair gel.

Movie *Elf* is Fine Holiday Fun

Anthony Sinecoff
Staff Writer

For the longest time after *Sponge Bob Square Pants* was making waves with kids, and then eventually college kids, critics and analysts were trying to figure out the success of the yellow porous creature.

After being compared ad nauseum to Jerry Lewis, they finally decided that everyone loves Mr. Bob because he is completely oblivious in a non-oblivious world.

For this same reason *Elf* is also appealing, and no one really plays the part of oblivious as well as Will Ferrell, of SNL fame.

Buddy (Ferrell) is a man who thinks he was raised in the North Pole by Santa's elves. He doesn't realize he's human; he just thinks he's a bit tall, and rather slow at making toys.

Santa (Ed Asner) and his adoptive Papa (Bob Newhart) finally break the truth to him and encourage him to find his biological father (James Caan) in New

York.

The city is alien to this Christmas-loving elf-man, and as he bumbles along he manages to get under the skin of his Scrooge-like dad, sweet step-mom, little brother and a cute girl who works as an Elf in a retail store's Christmas department.

The story is truly silly, but it maintains that important quality that lets us suspend our cynical disbelief.

There are several hilarious parts in the film, most all having to do with Buddy's inept style in the Big Apple, including the part where Buddy is warned about not eating gum off the street: "It's not candy," Papa Elf warned him, yet Buddy indulges himself anyway.

Ferrell, while looking a bit aged for an Elf, fits the part like a glove, and seems to be one of the few actors out there that can play this manically oblivious part convincingly.

The casting of Asner and Newhart is a throwback to yester-

year when neither of their political affiliations mattered.

Now even in the movie, Asner has to have a foot on the soapbox, reviling the "New York Central Park Rangers" when they try to attack his sleigh. The scene is either a spoof on Ring Wraiths from *Lord of the Rings* or a negative testament to New York's finest - on horses.

Despite that, Asner and Newhart are perfect for their roles, and they allow Ferrell to cement his silliness as he plays off of their sincerity.

Favreau directs the film like a holiday classic - bright and wacky, with witty touches and references that will make the film enjoyable over multiple viewings.

The ending is a bit thick on the cheese factor, and a little light on the humor that saturated the rest of the movie, but it doesn't do irreparable harm.

In fact, you may want more of this type of humor, which can lead to back-to-back episodes of *Sponge Bob*.



Typical Teen Angst in *Chasing Liberty*

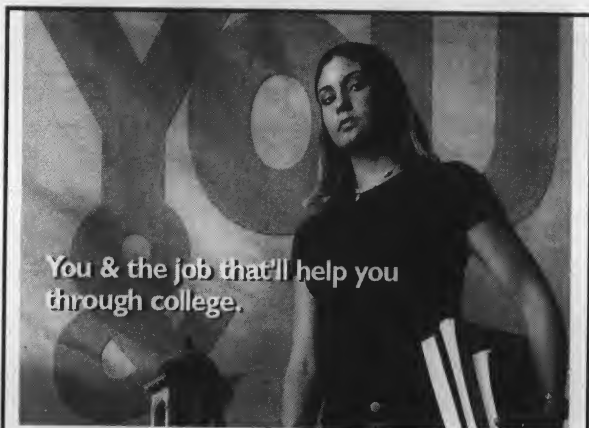
Bobbi Thibo
Asst. Editor

Mandy Moore's most recent cinematic endeavor, *Chasing Liberty*, is a normal teenage movie. Angst about separation from parents, gaining independence, along with young love, are the three focuses of this movie.

As the president's daughter, Anna Foster (Mandy Moore) is under the constant surveillance of her father's secret service. Although a common and predictable storyline, Mandy Moore's natural charismatic on-

screen personality compensates for the lack of originality.

Taking a stand against her father's always-watchful surveillance, Anna runs around to tour Europe with her new boyfriend, Ben (Mathew Goode). This on-the-road adventure of a typical "chick flick" storyline is cute, airy, and a good attempt at what this film is meant to be; a light-hearted and fun movie centered around overbearing parents, teenage oppression, and their acts of rebellion.



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Becky Creasey
Longwood Theatre

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Mr. Stein will present workshops for Longwood University theatre students and faculty, and will present a public performance of his piece *WINDOWSPEAK* on Saturday, January 24, 2004 at 8:00 p.m. in Jarman Auditorium on the Longwood University campus.

Daniel Stein has just completed serving his five year rotation as School Director, and now carries the title of Projects Director of The Dell'Arte International School of Physical Theatre where he also teaches "Preparing the Instrument," "Generating New Material" and "Improvisation."



After studying in the Professional Actors Training Program at Carnegie-Mellon University, where he had the privilege of working with Jewel Walker, he then went to Paris to study with Etienne Decroux, and subsequently made his home in Paris for 20 years.

Mr. Stein started his professional career as an actor with the French National Theatre. Since then his performances have toured in more than 25 countries.

He had his own school in Paris

for 15 years and has taught master classes throughout the world at institutions such as Juilliard School of Drama, New York and The Institute of Dramatic Arts, Tokyo.

Mr. Stein has received grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, the United States/Japan Commission, the Pew Charitable Trust, and has been named a John Simon Guggenheim Fellow.

Daniel Stein will be performing his acclaimed *WINDOWSPEAK* on Saturday, January 24, 2004 at 8:00 p.m. in Jarman Auditorium on the Longwood University campus.

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Women's Basketball Continues Successful Season with Eleventh Win

Sports Information

Longwood University split a pair of games last week, defeating Francis Marion (S.C.) 66-59, Jan. 12 in Lancer Hall, before falling to in-state foe Virginia Union 83-67, Jan. 15 in Richmond.

The Lancers are now 11-7 on the season and will remain idle for two weeks until they travel to the nation's capital, Jan. 31, to take on the University of the District of Columbia - tip-off is set for 4 p.m.

Against Francis Marion (S.C.) (7-4), Longwood erased a 13-point deficit to start the game en route to a 66-59 victory over the visiting Patriots.

In the first half, the visiting squad jumped out to an early 13-0 lead as Longwood was scoreless until sophomore Ashley Mason/Virginia Beach (Princess Anne) hit a field at the 12:22 mark to put the Lancers on the board.

The host school fought back with 25-9 run to lead 30-26 at halftime. Longwood continued its control of the game during the second stanza, stretching the advantage by as many as 17 points (52-35, 9:32).

The Patriots, however, put together a late second half rally courtesy of Jennifer Howard, who hit three consecutive shots from three-point territory to put her team within reach, the latter tying the game at 57-57 with 3:45 remaining.

Senior Erica Marcum/Charleston, W.Va. (George Washington) then provided Longwood with a much-needed steal and lay-up with 35-seconds left that sealed the win for the Lancers.

Ashley Mason paced the Lancers with her second career double-double - first of the season - of 21 points and 13

rebounds. Mason went 9-13 from the floor and 2-4 from the foul line, while hitting one trey and getting one steal, one block, and two assists. In addition to Mason's team-best night, freshman

Ashleigh Hollman/Centerville (Westfield) added her own double-digits of 11 points, including three treys, while Marcum finished with seven points and a team-high four assists. Senior Ebony Smith/Palmyra (Fluvanna Co.) also contributed seven points and pulled down eight boards.

Longwood shot 37.3 percent (26-67) from the floor, including 30.0 percent (6-20) from three-point territory and shot 47.6 percent (10-21) at the foul line. Francis Marion shot 42.3 percent (22-52) from the field, 33.3 (5-15) from beyond the arc, and 76.9 percent from the line.

At Virginia Union (12-2), the

two teams stayed evenly matched throughout the first half, tying the game seven times and changing the advantage four times.

Longwood took its first lead (20-19) of the game at the six-minute mark off on a field goal from junior Marita Meldere/Rujiena, Larvia (Lynchburg Christian) but quickly gave up its margin after the host school hit a pair of free throws. Both schools then traded baskets for the remainder of the half until the Panthers took control of the game with 2:14 left to enter the intermission with a 37-32 advantage. After the break, Virginia Union opened the half where it left off and never relinquished its lead. The Panthers stretched their margin by as many as 18 points in the second stanza to close out the contest with a decisive home win.

Smith paced Longwood with her team-high 15 points, including one three-pointer, while grabbing six rebounds.

Three other Lancers registered double-digits, including Meldere, who posted 10 points and eight boards, while sophomore Amber Mason/Virginia Beach (Princess Anne) and Hollman also contributed 10 points apiece. Junior transfer Catherine Dunn/Aberdeen, N.J. (St. John Vianney) led the Lancers on the glass, pulling down a team-best 10 rebounds.

Longwood shot 40.3 percent from the floor on 25-for-62 shooting, 21.1 percent on 4-for-19 from three-point territory, and 65.0 percent on 13-for-20 from the line. Virginia Union shot 42.9 percent (30-70) from the floor, 27.3 percent (3-11) from beyond the arc, and 80.0 percent (20-25) at the line.

Men's Basketball Falls Further

Sports Information

Longwood University lost two road games played last week, falling 61-53 at the University of the District of Columbia Jan. 17 after an 82-63 loss at Southern Virginia University Jan. 14. The Lancers are now 3-14 this season and will not return to action until Jan. 29, a 12-day break in the schedule, remaining on the road at Saint Paul's College in Lawrenceville beginning at 7:30 p.m.. Longwood has played 11 of 17 games this season away from Farmville.

Longwood continues to play without senior All-American Charles Stephens/Danville (GW-Danville) who had averaged 22.7 points and 12.4 rebounds through the first 11 games this season. Stephens' mother, Rachel Dean Calloway, had been terminally ill and passed away Jan. 3 at her home in Danville following a battle with cancer. Unfortunately, Stephens has not returned to the program and his status for the remainder of the season is uncertain at this time.

At the District of Columbia (10-6), Longwood lost a hard-fought decision after rallying from a 10-point halftime deficit to within 53-51 with 2:19 left before the Firebirds made two late three-point field goals to secure their record

28th-straight home win. UDC led 4-0 to begin the game before the Lancers battled back to lead 11-9 on a jumper from freshman Maurice Sumter/Alexandria (T.C. Williams) at 13:44. Classmate Husein Pistoljevic/Richland, Wash. (Hanford) had put Longwood into gear early with consecutive three-pointers to open the team's scoring. The visitors led 14-11 after a three-pointer from Sumter, and another basket by Pistoljevic tied the game at 20-20 (6:01). The Firebirds, however, used a 14-4 run to close the half and take a 34-24 lead at the intermission. UDC scored first in the second half before the Lancers closed to within 40-36 at 14:12 as freshman

Michael Jefferson/Chesterfield (Meadowbrook) scored 10 of the Lancers first 12 points in the period, including a two-handed slam-dunk off a fastbreak. The hosts managed to extend the lead to 52-43 with 6:04 remaining before another rally by Longwood narrowed the score to 53-51 (2:19) - the final four points of the run from Sumter on a rare four-point play. Sumter had connected on a three-pointer, and was fouled, and made the free throw before the two late treys (1:43, :49.7) made the difference.

LONGWOOD ATHLETICS ANNOUNCES HONOR STUDENT-ATHLETES

Longwood University Director of Athletics Rick Mazzuto has announced that 44 Lancer student-athletes have been named to either the President's List (4.00) or Dean's List (3.50-3.99) for the just-completed fall semester at the institution. The President's List included 17 student-athletes from 11 different sports who achieved perfect academic progress during the semester. The Dean's List included 27 student-athletes from 12 different sports who achieved near-perfect academic progress during the semester. Overall, 44% (87) of the 199 student-athletes attained a GPA of at least 3.00, including the 22% (44) on these two prestigious lists. "These student-athletes represent the best we have to offer," stated Mazzuto. "They have set a standard for all of us who are involved in intercollegiate athletics. I congratulate their efforts and achievements."

Lancers on President's List (4.00)

Stuart Bertsch/Norfolk, Junior, Men's Soccer
Emily Bikowski/Fairfax, Junior, Women's Lacrosse
Megan Camden/Bedford, Junior, Softball
Christopher Gibbs/Chesterfield, Freshman, Men's Cross Country
Anne Hundley/Norfolk, Freshman, Field Hockey
Michael Joyce/Peterborough, Ontario, Sophomore, Men's Golf
April Lockley/California, Md., Sophomore, Women's Soccer
Tucker McCarthy/Richmond, Junior, Women's Golf
Catherine Melvin/Newport News, Junior, Women's Tennis
Mary Millage/Ennismore, Ontario, Senior, Women's Golf
Holly Miller/Newport News, Junior, Women's Cross Country
Matt Paciocco/Richmond, Senior, Men's Golf
Whitney Slack/Leesburg, Freshman, Women's Soccer
Shawn Spilman/Cincinnati, Ohio, Senior, Men's Soccer
Jessica Walton/Williamsburg, Junior, Women's Cross Country
Evan Weinstein/Toronto, Ontario, Senior, Baseball
Zach Zigrang/Virginia Beach, Freshman, Baseball

Lancers on Dean's List (3.50-3.99)

Kathleen Barry/Annandale, Freshman, Women's Lacrosse
Justin Brock/Palo Alto, Calif., Freshman, Men's Soccer
Isa Cohen/Mineral, Junior, Women's Lacrosse
Tiffany Denby/Charlottesville, Junior, Women's Cross Country
Cat Dunn/Aberdeen, N.J., Senior, Women's Basketball
Leah Graham/Salisbury, Md., Junior, Women's Lacrosse

Garrett Green/Fredericksburg, Senior, Men's Tennis
John Hines/Smithfield, Sophomore, Baseball
Dmitri Isakovski/Norfolk, Sophomore, Men's Soccer
John Lampkins/Chesapeake, Sophomore, Men's Cross Country
Jon Larson/Leesburg, Sophomore, Men's Basketball
Amber Mason/Virginia Beach, Sophomore, Women's Basketball
Ashley Mason/Virginia Beach, Sophomore, Women's Basketball
Toni Matkovich/Wheeling, W.Va., Senior, Women's Basketball
Kathleen Murphy/Virginia Beach, Freshman, Field Hockey
Diego Quiros/Quesada, Costa Rica, Sophomore, Men's Tennis
Joel Rowe/Colonial Heights, Freshman, Men's Basketball
Kerry Ryan/Springfield, Sophomore, Women's Lacrosse
Stacey Schmidt/Berlin, N.J., Senior, Women's Lacrosse
Chris Shuford/Fredericksburg, Freshman, Men's Golf
Shawn Slotke/Baltimore, Md., Junior, Women's Lacrosse
Ebony Smith/Kents Store, Senior, Women's Basketball
Jennifer Steele/Manassas Park, Junior, Softball
Heather Storie/Spring Grove, Pa., Freshman, Women's Soccer
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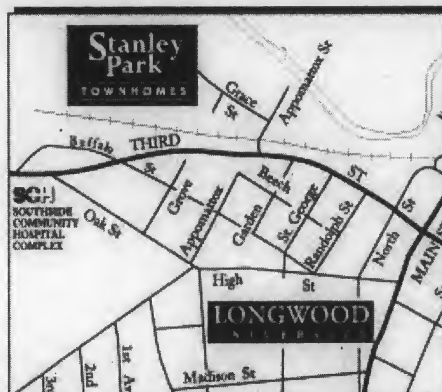
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Recruitment a Successful Start to New Semester

Bobbi Thibo
Asst. Editor

The end of winter break not only brought around the beginning of a new school semester, but it also meant the start of a whole new experience for some students.

The Thursday before the majority of campus returned for the spring semester, those girls hoping to join a sorority returned early for recruitment.

During formal rush the prospective girls go around to each chapter and then narrow their visits down from there; depending on which sororities they are interested in and those who invite them back.

Recruitment is an exciting time for not only the girls going through it, but all of the sisters as well.

"Recruitment was a blast. Not only was it a chance to meet and get new girls, it was also a chance for the sisters to grow closer." Commented Aubrie Therrien, a sister of Delta Zeta, which received eleven new girls this semester.

"Our favorite part of recruitment is Walk. It is the time that we can celebrate all of our hard



Two older ASA sisters pose for a picture after their own walk. The experience gives all rushees a chance to see where their classmates will be pledging for the semester.

work by welcoming our new girls into our sorority." Kristy Holland, Delta Zeta president, added.

One aspect of recruitment that many of the sisters seem to enjoy is coming up with a theme, decorating the halls in Stubbs, and preparing their parties.

"This semester our sorority chose ASA in the city, after the popular T.V series Sex in the City. By choosing this theme it was easy to create an upbeat atmosphere, which made conversation with the girls easy and entertaining." Kelly Creamer, president of Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority, explained.

The new pledges are also very anxious and excited about recruitment and what is to come in the weeks ahead as they join

their new sisterhood.

DZ pledge Sydelle Gonias commented, "Recruitment was one of the most nerve racking things I have gone through here, because it really is a life long decision, but it's the best decisions I have ever made, and I can already tell that this is going to be worth every minute of the stress that may come with pledging"

Overall, recruitment is an exciting event for everyone involved that all the sisters anticipate.

"The sisters of ADPi are very excited to welcome the new alphas to our chapter and we can't wait to help them along on their journey through pledging, it's an experience we're all thrilled to be a part of." Concluded Mel McConnell, a sister of Alpha Delta Pi.

Caution! Look Before You Sign that Lease

Bobbi Thibo
Asst. Editor

If you've even glanced at any of the posters hanging around campus, the red "Stop, Don't Sign that Lease!" signs have surely grabbed your attention.

Although moving off campus is a very exciting step, there is more to the process than just finding an apartment and signing a lease.

Before making any commitments that you can't get out of, be sure to pay attention to the signs and that all your bases are covered.

Those students that have 56 credits and who wish to move off campus next semester must fill out the online off-campus housing application that can be found at www.longwood.edu/housing.

After completing the form, one of the two mandatory meetings must be attended.

The dates for the orientation sessions are February 4th, 2004 at 3:00 p.m and February 5th, 2004 at 3:30 p.m in the ABC rooms.

Like many rising Juniors Ashley Cross is excited about her move from the dorms to apart-

ment living, and is pleased with the overall application process.

"I think it is very convenient and efficient to be able to complete the application online, and I think the meetings are a good idea to make sure everyone knows what's going on." Ashley commented.

"I do think that some feedback should have been given after filling out the online thing to be sure that it went through ok, that's the only thing I'm really worried about." She added.

Although there are

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Stick This on Your Door and Burn It!

Cavalier Daily

Today the Virginia State Fire Marshall is conducting an inspection of all University R2-zoned residence areas, which include Old and New Dorms, the Lawn, apartments, suites and residential colleges, and when she's done, U.V.A. will be as sterile and boring as a prison.

In an overreaction to an incident last semester when a first year burned a flier on his hall-mate's door, the new fire marshall has decided to strictly enforce the Commonwealth's fire code, outlawing any flammable paper (as opposed to non-flammable paper!) from hanging on residents' doors.

No fliers. No posters. No pictures of friends. No nametags.

Nothing to distinguish one personality from the next. Just boring, blank doors for the roughly 6,000 undergraduate and graduate students living in the affected areas.

Past fire marshalls have been more lax on the state code, allowing a reasonable amount of paper cover on students' doors.

However, this year there is a new fire marshall, and in response to last semester's incident, she has decided to strictly enforce this ridiculous code.

This is ludicrous for so many reasons, and the fire marshall should quickly realize both the possibility and necessity for compromise.

The biggest problem with the strict enforcement of the code is that it won't accomplish what it's set out to accomplish.

Forbidding students from hanging paper on their doors will not make it any less likely that their rooms will catch on fire.

Their rooms will be full of innumerable paper products impossible to contain in a tragic blaze, and there will always be that one trigger-happy first year

with a lighter and too much booze in his system.

To forbid fliering a Lawn door and yet still allow piles of stacked firewood is nonsensical, and speaks to the overly cautious enforcement of the code.

Yes, the idea of a poster catching fire and burning down an entire residence area is scary, but unrealistic.

And no one wants to live in a hall where every room looks as unappealing as the next.

Whether it's a first year proudly displaying her new sorority letters, an upperclassman showing off pictures of his friends, or a Lawn resident championing a cause for students and visitors alike to see as they stroll by, this new strict enforcement will take away so much of what it means to be a unique member of the University community.

Decorating your door lets your individuality stick out in a community in which it is so important.

Corny as it sounds, it also conveys a sense of home; you'll always know which door is yours when you get back from a long day of classes.

Friends and strangers alike can get a sense of who the University is when they see the fliers on Lawn room doors or visit other residence areas.

Most importantly, students need all the help they can get advertising and finding out about events that are important to them -- the pages of this newspaper cannot fit them all.

Unfortunately, the University has its hands tied when it comes to matters of Commonwealth law, but there's still hope.

Compromise and looser enforcement of the ridiculous code has been done in the past and should be again.

Contact the State Fire Marshall's Office and let them know how you feel.

Words From the Editor



First of all, excellent work to people writing this week. Secondly, look down there [points] - the staff box is slowly starting to fill back up; be a Citizen Leader and join the staff. Just kidding. Don't be a Citizen Leader, just join the staff. I almost added a winky face, but thought better of it. We are in college, after all.

During one of our crazy snow days, I had the privilege of conversing with my baby sister (she turned twelve last week) about a topic other than Neopets, *Lord of the Rings*, or *Harry Potter*, none of which I actually converse about - I just listen and pretend to care. Every once in a while, she surprises me, such as in this situa-

tion:

I come from a very conservative family, half of which is strictly Catholic. As a general rule, the children maintain a similar sense of conservatism and religion, so it isn't unusual to run into resistance if I bring up a hot topic (this week: homosexuality). It's not rare that I tease my sister about how I kiss girls (though she and my parents are unaware of my sexual preference). She says it's gross, and we move on with the conversation. Neopets, right?

This time, she brings up how I'm not voting for George come the Presidential election. *Why?* she asks. I respond that he says lots of hateful and mean things that I just can't support. She responds with (no joke because I'm copy and pasting this from our IM conversation, and I

never use more than two question marks... anyway), LIKE *WHAT?????*

Well, I tell her, the biggest problem I have is that he only wants a man and a woman to be able to marry, which is very hateful to the gay community. I tell her gay people love each other just as much as heterosexual people.

Why is it wrong then? So he's saying that all people HAVE to be straight to live in America?

If they want to get married, I explain. If two women love each other very much for a very long time, just like Grammy and Grandpa love each other, one can't do anything say if the other is in the hospital if they are not married. I'm thinking also the lines of *If These Walls Could Talk II*

She expresses sadness about that, knowing how much our grandparents depend on each other in sickness and in health. She then tells me that her best friend's aunt is gay. So I ask her if this woman is just like other adults she

knows except that she loves women. She concurs.

She says I can't tell my parents that she's okay with this woman being gay. Like I would rat her out on that. Look who she's talking to. *God tells us to love everyone.*

I agree. I tell her that there are gay people and straight people alike who respect their bodies and themselves and there are some of each that don't. She gives me a biblical example of straight people doing something they shouldn't.

She asks why our mom doesn't like it when I express these views, and I tell her she wants us to think like she does because she believes she is right.

That's just silly. You can't make people think certain ways unless you brainwash them by depriving them of sleep then maybe but she isn't doing that to us, is she?

We discuss current options for gay couples, and how they can have families too, but that it's just harder for them to adopt.

She brings up religion again.

Whoever said that people HAD to like people of the different gender? Oh I know!! People are going by the story of Adam and Eve since God put them on the planet first.

She's an insightful young lady. As a final example, I bring up Plato's *Symposium* (You have a MYTHOLOGY class? Lucky.) where people used to be connected in pairs: some were two males, some two females, and some one of each. After a fight, Zeus split all humans apart, so everyone spends the rest of their lives looking for their other half. By having a mix of all, it provided the Greeks with a natural explanation for homosexuality.

That's nice of the Greek people.

Isn't it?

Yea.

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Martin Luther King's Legacy of Non-Violence

Janet Jones
Staff Writer

Why is it that war is often glorified more than peace? The answer is that our society is so hell-bent on praising heroes who have based their valiant qualities on fighting, rather than rationalizing.

To win a war one must kill more people than their opponent. That is the most animalistic and brutal concept I have ever heard and honestly have a hard time fathoming how this can seem like the right answer.

Innocent men die "for their country" while the leaders, who began the war, are later praised. The leaders never have to live with looking at the person whom they have just shot, breathe their last breath of air, and wonder what he did to deserve death.

I believe, and I am not alone, that there should be more holidays to remember peace-keepers, rather than those people who come up with the brilliant idea to begin a war.

On January 19 Longwood University and many other insti-

tutions and businesses did not observe the holiday of Martin Luther King Day.

This is one of the only days that venerate someone trying to bring harmony to our chaotic world. I am not begging for a day off of school, but sincerely believe that we should observe a holiday for peace.

In an issue of Time Magazine Jack E. White wrote, "It is a testament to the greatness of Martin Luther King Jr. that nearly every major city in the U.S. has a street or school named after him. It is a measure of how sorely his achievements are misunderstood that most of them are located in black neighborhoods."

This may be why this holiday is often overlooked and considered a holiday that only African Americans should have reason to celebrate.

This, however, is not the case. Jack E. White also wrote in Time Magazine, "For all King did to free blacks from the yoke of segregation, whites may owe him the greatest debt, for liberating them from the burden of America's

centuries-old hypocrisy about race.

It is only because of King and the movement that he led that the U.S. can claim to be the leader of the 'free world' without inviting smirks of disdain and disbelief."

If there were more days of remembrance for the altruistic people trying to make the world a more civilized place, perhaps there would be more people following in their path.

Not only in war, but in their own microcosm. Children would not be so quick to hit their friends when they did not get what they want and adults would reconsider acts as well.

However, since the leader of our country is so anxious to embrace war I do not for see a mass change of ideas.

Martin Luther King was only one of many peace believers. He was only one person with one voice and look at the massive impact he had on the entire country.

Do not give up the fight and remember, make love, not war.

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Conversation: It's What's for Dinner

CTN provides a problem for a Longwood student who just wants a peaceful meal.

Nate Spencer
Staff Writer

There is no contending that we live in the Information Age. In this period of human civilization we can now access any amount of data at the touch of a button, click of a mouse, or poke of a stylus.

We can, in the same sitting, look up information on the wedding of Britney Spears, the ins and outs of the Atkins diet, Avagadro's number (6.022×10^{23}), Dennis Rodman's dress size, or the schedule of televised ping-pong in the 2004 Summer Olympics (woefully nonexistent). This is all possible, of course, assuming your AIM doesn't throw in your face the Window of Procrastination.

Our society's arsenal of gadgetry must be using enough electricity to singe the hair off a wookiee; everywhere you turn, another device is invented or implemented to further decrease our moments of sanity.

One of Wal-Mart's newest additions to the Shopping Experience is the new closed-circuit Wal-Mart Network.

Finally, my life is complete: I can watch advertisements and the occasional Bush speech while I shop for my smiley-faced boxers.

The knowledge of this increasing phenomenon leads me to pose questions about our own campus.

Not to speak for the whole of the student body, but I think I'm not far off in stating that eating is, at present, a common social activity.

If I were to poll the student body at random, I doubt very highly that I would find a top reason for eating in the dining hall to be memorizing the lyrics of "Hey Ya."

I acknowledge that the glasses through which I view the world, when compared to most others,

are incredibly unique.

I could personally rant and rave about the fact that, being an English major, listening to Nelly Furtado and the crew of CTN horribly interferes with my enjoyment of Shakespeare, Fitzgerald, or Miller.

But not everyone is like me, and I acknowledge this fact.

In fact, Nelly Furtado, when I'm not trying to concentrate, is actually one of the more enjoyable music acts.

However, I believe strongly in the growing need in our society for what I like to call, "human moments."

This means that we are in dire need of shutting off the technology.

I can at this moment hear my friends muttering about my own personal obsession with gadgetry.

But I aspire, if not succeed, in putting my face-to-face human encounters above my newly found love of text messaging or, yes, even the lure that we all face to stare into the televised oblivion while our companion obviously needs a listening ear.

I make it a point to avoid senseless bitching.

If I don't have a reasonable alternative, I don't have a right to complain.

Whether or not you are a fan of the music itself, the fact remains that you cannot sit and have a decent conversation in the dining hall without being within 30 feet of a blaring box whose sole existence is to make us take the focus off of each other and onto the materialistic world.

I hear those of you raging that dining hall television isn't all bad-CTN shows the news periodically.

To that I suggest closed captioning. To those of you making the very astute point that

music is infinitely more than printed text, I hear you; my entire family is composed (pun intended) of people of your persuasion.

However, to you (and my family), I say that background music is one thing; presenting an entirely new medium of entertainment to bisect our eternally fragmented attention span is entirely another.

I guess this soapbox-summit rambling of mine is a senior's feeble attempt at trying to impart an iota of the wisdom I've gained in my relatively short life.

As a camp counselor this last summer, I worked at an island camp in which we took every bit of technology from the campers upon arrival.

The point was to take their focus from their everyday world and help them rediscover what it was like to be human (the fact that it needs rediscovering is frightening in and of itself).

But now that I've been back in Virginia for around 5 months, I'm realizing that I've both been struggling to keep a grip on what it is to be human.

I try to aggressively throw myself out of my comfort zone, turn attention away from my own vices and make myself engage more people in conversation for the sake of conversation itself.

I now randomly ask even close friends questions like "If you were a billboard, what would you advertise?" or "What are you passionate about?" and my books of thought-provoking questions have become something of a wonderment to a few.

Sure, I might be a short, odd, eccentric young man bitching about the tired topic of materialism's evils.

But take my advice-make a conscious effort to increase your humanity.

If it doesn't shock you how far our society has strayed, I welcome feedback...

props and drops

Props:

- + To the lovely people willing to help get cars out of the snow, especially those who are not police officers (thus it is not their job).
- + To Jeromy Runion and his wonderful tool box!
- + To two snow days.
- + To fun-nay pooties.

Drops:

- To the Longwood Bookstore for playing the HSC radio station during WMLU's student broadcasting hours.
- To people who come to class reeking of pot and acting stoned off their asses.
- To getting stuck in the ice.
- To wet pant legs from walking in the snow.
- To people who don't know when to just shut the hell up.
- To yellow caution tape around the walkways.

Speak Out

What did you do on your snow days?



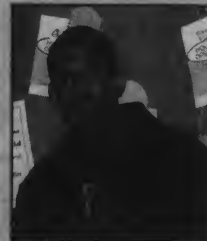
Hung out and shot pool.
-Stan Schoppe



I went sledding on the soccer field and played snow football.
-Becky Winter



I slept and went sledding on the soccer field.
-Giancarlo Coello



I worked out.
-Darren Holmess

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pros to living off-campus, some students feel living in the dorms is the best option for them.

Mel McConnel, a current junior, has lived on-campus since she was a freshman and plans on doing so as a senior as well.

"It's practical and easy to get around. I don't have to worry about parking or making my schedule one consecutive class after another so that I don't have to drive back and forth to campus," Mel explained.

Another student, Becca Gille, agrees. "Well to be completely honest, it's hard enough to get up and walk to class living on campus. I don't want to go through the hassle of actually getting in the car, driving to campus, then spending 30 minutes looking for a parking space. No thanks. I'd

rather wake up 5 minutes before class and just go."

While some don't agree, off-campus living is a popular trend many people follow after spending the first two years in a dorm, and those who are going through the process for the first time need to pay special attention to what they should be doing.

If you are not careful about the process, you may find yourself in the unhappy predicament of paying both on and off-campus rates. So make sure you double check your dates and times.

Next time you're walking past the posters hanging up on campus, pay special attention to the bright red signs that shout "Stop! Don't Sign that Lease!"

Four new e-mail worms have been squirming their way into students' inboxes since last week.

E-mail Virus Plagues Students' Computers

U-Vire

The viruses -- Beagle, Dumaru.z, Dumaru.y and MyDoom -- infect machines by mass mailing themselves to other users once the recipient has opened an attachment in an infected e-mail, said Shirley Payne, director of security and policy at Information Technology and Communications at the University of Virginia.

Three of the worms have consistent e-mail headers, making them easier to identify. But MyDoom is more problematic because it does not have a specific subject line, Payne said. Possible e-mail subject lines for MyDoom include "test," "hi"

and "hello."

The source of the virus is unknown, Payne said. "Viruses like this can come from anywhere. This is widespread all over the place, not just U.Va."

Payne said ITC became aware of the e-mail viruses when students called in to report the mass e-mailings. Students should not open any attachments from an unknown sender because hackers could then access the students' machines, she added.

"They are really dangerous because you can lose complete control over your computer and personal information," she said.

To prevent viruses from attacking students' machines, ITC has information on its Web site to educate students about proper

computing.

"We make anti-virus programs available to the university community free of charge, and there is a lot of education on our Web site," Payne said.

First-year student Lauren Bruce said she received six e-mails. "It said 'Your e-mail account is about to expire, so open this attachment to find out more,'" Bruce said. Regardless of the e-mail's claim, she said students' e-mail accounts will not expire.

"The good news is that if people have updated their virus detection every day or two times a day, they are protected," Payne said. "The problem with viruses is that they never really die," Payne said.

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CD Review: Ani DiFranco Proves Cerebral with *Educated Guess*

U-Wire

Ani DiFranco, in her latest release, *Educated Guess*, takes the personal as political.

Educated Guess rises above the relative mediocrity of the two-CD release *Revelling/Reckoning*, and in the spirit of her last, *Evolve*, distills DiFranco's unique voice and the talented guitar playing found throughout her catalog.

DiFranco goes solo on this CD, playing, singing, recording and mixing it by herself.

Though she doesn't have a backup band, she layers her voice and guitar tracks, essentially accompanying herself. She uses this technique very discordantly at times to create tension within the songs, as in "Swim."

DiFranco combines her singing with spoken word, with no less than four of the 14 tracks being poetry with slight background guitar and choral arrangements.

It is in these poems that her

politics pierce through, with lines such as this from "Grand Canyon": "I love my country / By which I mean / I am indebted joyfully / To all the people throughout its history / Who have fought the government to make right."

This is not to say that when DiFranco picks up a guitar, her politics disappear. "Animal" rails against the way humans treat nature, explores patriotism and cas-

tigates imperialism.


"Bodily" is devoid of politics, focusing instead on the pain of her recent divorce from her husband and recording engineer. Songs such as "Swim" and "Rain Check" also mirror this sentiment.

Educated Guess is classic Ani in many ways, but also illustrates her growth as a musician and

poet -- it is not *To the Teeth* without a band.

In going solo, DiFranco goes out on a limb, but her reliance on her talents only proves how talented she can be.

Educated Guess retains essential DiFranco, and her newest album won't disappoint old fans even though it provides a sound divergent from her past works.



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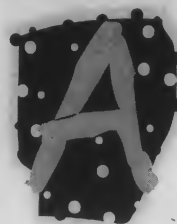
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1-3 p.m.

Tuesday
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Educational Recruitment Day in the Career Center
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Saturday
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Men's Basketball vs. District of Columbia
3 p.m.

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Wednesday
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12-2 a.m.
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Sunday
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5 p.m.

WMLU Meeting
9:00 p.m.
Hiner 2nd floor Auditorium

Thursday
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Monday
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by Sam Wise-Ridges

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Running around in the snow doesn't make you a bunny.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

The ice looks pretty..until it's rushing toward your head.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

Just because you're in Wonderland doesn't mean you're Alice.

Aries (Mar. 21-April 19)

Not even your shovel can dig you out of this mess.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

No two snowflakes are alike, kinda like how no two moms are alike.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

As much as you like to run around in your underwear, this is not the season for it.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

The ounces of alcohol you drank during the snow days should not exceed your I.Q.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

In case you didn't get the news, classes are back on. Not that you ever went in the first place.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22)

The wolf must run free.

Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22)

Be on the lookout for Mr. Right... but be careful, those snow men are deceptive!

Scorpio (Oct. 23. -Nov. 21)

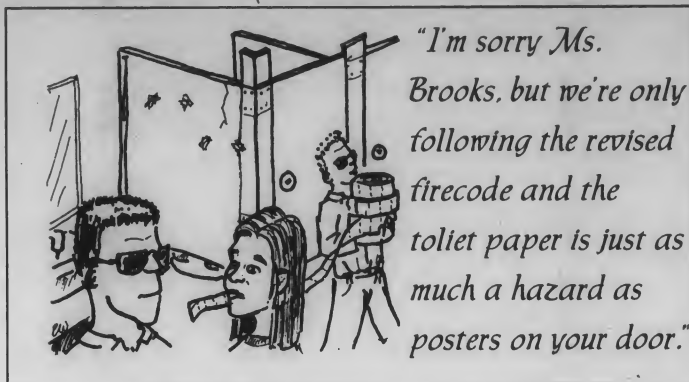
When peeing in the snow, make sure you spell your name correctly.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Only you can drink for 10 hours straight and not puke. Kudos to your liver.

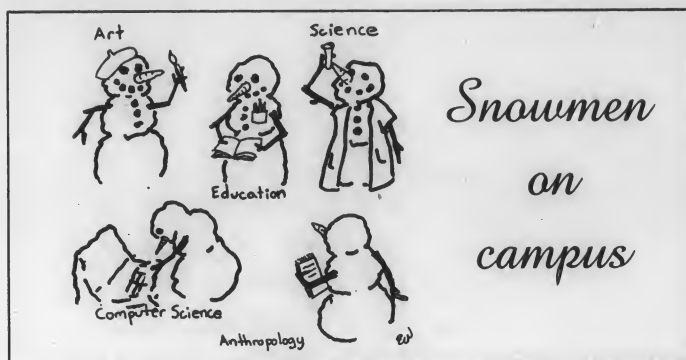
Tongue in Cheek

by Ellie Woodruff



Foot in Mouth

by Ellie Woodruff



Longwood Theatre Starts Spring Semester with *The Italian Straw Hat*

Bobbi Thibo
Asst. Editor

Longwood University's theatre department is at it once again.

After the production of *On the Verge*, they are for their upcoming show, *The Italian Straw Hat*.

The story is centered on a man, Fadinard, who is about to be wed played by Austin Eichelberger. Ferdinand is in search of an Italian straw hat to replace the one his horse ate.

The original hat belonged to Anais, an adulterous woman, played by Aubrie Therrien, who must return with her hat so that her husband doesn't suspect her misbehavior.

According to stage manager Kyle Ankiel, the most difficult aspect of this play is catching on to the 19th-century French Farce style, and he is very pleased with the progress of the cast.

"They are doing wonderfully," he commented.

Cast members and crew all seem very enthusiastic about their contributions and roles within the production.

Eichelberger stated, "It (having a lead role) gives me a chance to interact with all the characters in all the scenes, and gives me the chance to understand the play better and to have the most fun I can in this production."

The Italian Straw Hat opens February 25, 2004 at 8 p.m. and will run into the following Sunday, closing with a matinee show at 3 p.m.

"This play should be a lot of fun for the audience, not only because the script is hilarious, but also because the ensemble cast brings such a joyful quality to the performance that it's hard not to smile and laugh." Concluded Aubrie Therrien.



Cabin Fever Suits Longwood's Wintery Landscape

Leslie Smith
Copy Editor

fans.

Described as "...an *Alice in Wonderland* psychedelia..." by Katherine Turman on Amazon.com, *Rasputina* has an eerie quality not found in many bands today.

The band was started Melora Creager, a classically-trained cellist, who found her other two band members, Julie Kent and Agnieszka Rybska, by putting out a newspaper want ad.

The three helped develop their image by wearing Victorian costumes complete with tight corsets and full skirts.

Rasputina had their first debut in 1996 with *Thanks for the Ether*.

The just-released *Cabin Fever* is their second album. It continues along the same cello-heavy, nocturnal sounds of *Rasputina*.

There are different ideas behind each song. One of the most interesting is track 12. The song, "Our Lies," was created solely on lyric submissions from

Track 11, "Hunter's Kiss," has a scratchy old time feel to the tune. It starts off with "Here's the sad story about a deer and a man..." and then the singer takes on the feelings of the hunted deer, who is presumably targeted by the arrows of love.

There is one spoken track, number 8, "PJ + Vincent & Matthew + Bjork," with a cello playing hauntingly in the background. "Bjork" really does sound like Bjork.

Whereas many of these songs are ethereal, there are a few songs, such as number 4, "Sweet Water Kill," which are soft, light-hearted, and much brighter than the others.

Overall, this CD offers up a different sound than the pop that is usually found on the radio today. So if you are looking for a different sound and/or a different style of music you should definitely give *Rasputina* a chance.

1. Gingerbread
2. Coffin
3. Thimble Island
4. State Fair
5. Sweet Water Kill (The Ocean Song)
6. Remnants of Percy Bass
7. Rats
8. Clipped
9. PJ + Vincent & Matthew + Bjork
10. My Orphanage
11. Crosswalk
12. Hunter's Kiss
13. Our Lies
14. Antique Heel Red Doll Shoes
15. Cooped
16. Quitter



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Ellie Woodruff, RA of the Colonnades, was November's RA Of The Month. In her RA leadership she has continually excelled in creating an environment in her halls that could be seen as a model for a diverse community that is particularly willing to struggle with tough conversations of diversity and the many related issues.

Ellie has developed a yearlong programming series that she is currently implementing that pushes residents to take the conversation of diversity to the next level. In this series of programs, she has been showing films that highlight one area of diversity and then leading follow-up discussions to challenge students.

Examples of films that have been shown and discussed are *American History X* and *American Beauty*, both of which are timely, and intellectually and emotionally challenging.

This RA's sensitivity, ability to keep residents engaged, and her ability to lead academic discussions surrounding such difficult films is what marks this student's efforts as superior and the results have been nothing less than impressive.

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Big Ten Football May Soon Use Instant Replay

U-Wire

It appears the griping of Penn State football coach Joe Paterno over officiating hasn't fallen on deaf ears after all.

By giving serious consideration to the use of instant replay by referees in conference games for football, the Big Ten may take a step toward improving officiating.

However, if conference referees are to have the aid of replay for the 2004 season, the league will have to first gain the approval of the NCAA Football Rules Committee.

The 12-member panel of coaches and athletic directors will hold its annual meeting from Feb. 9-11 in Indianapolis.

The measures are also yet to be fully accepted by the conference's athletic directors.

"It has to be adopted by the Rules Committee, and that is still an open question," said NCAA President Myles Brand, who was

at Penn State Monday.

"It is an interesting experiment, and I hope I get to see it work."

An experiment that may come to fruition because of the efforts of the Penn State athletic department -- which requested a formal review of officiating in the 2002 football season.

During that season, Paterno was involved in several controversies concerning officials.

Following a 42-35 overtime loss to Iowa, Paterno, angry about two calls made by a side judge late in the game, chased after the officials, grabbed the shirt of the referee and appeared to be yelling as the two left the field.

Two weeks later in Ann Arbor, Mich., Paterno called into question the integrity of some of the league's officials after a 27-24 overtime loss to Michigan. Penn State Athletic Director Tim Curley asked for the review of officiating shortly thereafter.

Though he did not support replay prior to the 2002 season, Paterno has since said the Big Ten should institute replay. Paterno and the Nittany Lions, as well as many Lions' fans, felt officiating mistakes had cost the team a shot at a Big Ten championship.

As one of the most profitable conferences in Division I athletics, the Big Ten would be one of the few conferences able to support the costs associated with implementing a replay system.

Instant replay in the Big Ten will be the dominant topic of the February meetings, said Richard Lackner, a Rules Committee member and Carnegie Mellon football coach.

"There are typically several issues discussed, but [instant replay] is going to be the big issue," he said. "It's the one I've been hearing about; the one people are calling me about."

If the committee approves the measure, it would be the first

time college football would use replay in officiating at any level, but other conferences might not necessarily follow the Big Ten's lead. Big East Associate Commissioner John Paquette said there are many factors to consider with using replay, one being if a conference would work with television to provide replay or establish its own infrastructure.

Monday, Big Ten spokeswoman Sue Lister said the Big Ten office would not discuss the specifics of how a replay system would be applied until mid-February.

The league's athletic directors will meet in February to finalize their decision about replay, she said. In previous years, the administrators voted against it, despite a unanimous vote in favor of replay by the conference's football coaches.

In the last campaign to get replay into Big Ten football, the coaches voted unanimously at a

January meeting to use replay.

Curley indicated that he would vote in favor of using replay, saying, "Right now Penn State is in favor of replay."

Penn State Sports Information Director Jeff Nelson said Paterno is busy recruiting and would not have a comment on the possibility of replay until next week at the earliest.

At a press conference Monday, Brand said he was "glad" the Big Ten is looking into using replay, but said he knows replay will have limitations at the college level.

"I'm not sure Division II or Division III is going to want to do this because of the cost associated," he said. "It probably will be done in a way different from the [NFL] way."

It will help officiating. It's not going to be foolproof. Fans are still going to get excited about certain calls, and what would college football be if we couldn't get excited about what an official said?"

Super Bowl Sunday Promises to Be Excellent Entertainment for All Sports Fans

Patrick Sullivan
Staff Writer

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The Carolina Panthers who, like last year's champions Buccaneers, are playing in their franchises first ever Super Bowl.

Carolina is using the same strategy that the 2000 Ravens by combining a powerful running game with an extremely dominating defense.

They have reached the pinnacle of football by defeated the two top seeded NFC teams, the Rams and Eagles, respectively.

This season's continuous over-

achievers, the Panthers have constantly been proving doubters wrong by beating heavily favored teams all season, and now they hope to continue the trend in the Super Bowl.

The New England Patriots are the other side of the coin, the most dominating group in the NFL having the best record at 14-2 and hasn't been defeated since week four against the Redskins.

After their Super Bowl victory two years ago, the Pats missed the playoffs last year but returned with a vengeance this season.

New England is hoping to contain the Panthers with the same smash-mouth style defense that has hindered some of the best offenses this season.

While heavy underdogs, Carolina is being picked by many experts to beat New England.

The reason for this is the feeling that the Panthers are to physical to be overtaken by the Pats take-no-prisoners defense.

Also many experts believe the key to winning games is 'in the trenches' and the Panthers'

offensive and defensive lines are both incredibly dominating. During the regular season, Delhomme has been seen as the question mark of the Panthers but has been a rock in the postseason.

Delhomme will show his true talent Sunday if he is able to master the complicated New England pass defense.

However the Patriots enter this championship game the favorites and Panthers are the hungry surprise team.

Panthers Jake "Day Light Come And Ya Wanna" Delhomme is being strongly compared to the Tom Brady of 2002.

Like the Patriots two years ago, Carolina is trying to unseat a quarterback who appears unbeatable in the postseason.

These comparisons and more had better be planted in the minds of the Patriots these last weeks leading to the Super Bowl if they plan to walk away with another victory.

This is Panthers receiver Ricky Proehl third Super Bowl in five seasons, both winning and losing a Super Bowl with the Rams.

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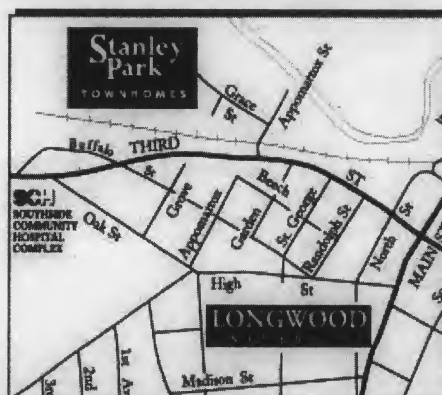
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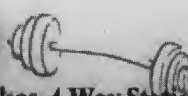
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Off-Campus Living Comes Under Fire

Stephanie Riggsby
Staff Advisor

In an interesting turn of events Wednesday, a number of on-campus juniors recieved letters telling them that they would not be moving off campus next semester.

Currently scheduled after press time today is a protest behind Lancaster.

Posters currently floating around campus urge students to "not sit back and let Longwood screw us over!"

For the benefit of discussion, an open forum has been immediately organized to discuss the problem amongst concerned students.

This forum, organized by Bobbi Thibo, assistant editor of *The Rotunda*, and Deanna Martinez, members of the junior class, who have taken it upon themselves to get the event organized.

Those invited to be members of the panel include Laura

Bayless, Tim Pierson, Doug Howell, all in administrative positions on campus.

Rick Chassey has been invited to facilitate discussion between the junior class and the panel.

Many of the questions that juniors have include "why can't some of the student dorms be closed for renovation or other purposes if there aren't enough students to fill them?"

"Why read the manual if the only requirement is the number of credits that we [juniors eligible] have to have to live off campus?"

Their most pressing concern is "where do we go from here?" for those eligible juniors who had planned on moving off campus after the finish of the current semester.

Thibo noted in her article entitled "Caution! Look Before You Sign that Lease!" in last Thursday's edition of *The Rotunda* that "although moving off campus is a very exciting step, there is more to the process then just

finding an apartment and signing a lease...pay attention to the signs... make sure you double check your dates and times."

Notes made available by the Housing Office to *The Rotunda* reflect numbers that might in fact shed light on the situation. According to the document, 477 applications were submitted by the deadline for consideration.

However, the document reflects that due to the high volume, only 171 applications were accepted for off-campus housing.

Consideration of applications stopped after certain determinations were made, including senior status, current Stanley Park residents, and the number of students that would be 23 by the beginning of the fall semester.

All students are urged to attend the open forum on Friday. Voice your concerns at 3:00 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. Members of *The Rotunda* staff will be available to hear comments from all of the students and staff involved.



Catch the Spirit

Julie Pfeiffer
Public Relations Student Intern

Referred to by faculty as the "Front Line" and to herself as "The Longwood Mom," Kathy Dunnivant has been with Longwood's College of Business and Economics (CBE) since July 1998.

She is the executive secretary for the CBE and the friendly, helpful face everyone turns to.

From band-aids to big dilemmas, Mrs. Dunnivant can do it all. "She does more for the kids than anyone," says CBE Dean Wayne McWee.

"She also advances the spirit of Longwood by uniting the faculty and helping with dilemmas they may face."

Mrs. Dunnivant is a graduate of Buckingham Central High School.

Before coming to Longwood, she worked for 22 years at the Virginia Department of Forestry.

She has volunteered for the Rescue Squad as a registered Emergency Medical Technician and for the Farmville Volunteer Fire Department (FVD): Ladies Auxiliary.

Mrs. Dunnivant attended classes at Southside Virginia

Community College then transferred to Longwood.

She continues to take classes at Longwood and enjoys communicating with students on that level.

Born just a few blocks from Longwood at Southside Community Hospital, growing up in the area and now a resident of Cumberland County, Mrs. Dunnivant has had plenty of time to get to know local people.

She states, "At Longwood, she knows some of the staff because they are her friends from high school."

She has known Rita Harris, in the admission's office, since the first grade.

Mrs. Dunnivant said, "We used to sit at the same desk together."

Mrs. Dunnivant is proud of her home life. She is the wife of Stuart Dunnivant, Farmville's chief of police.

"I think everything's cute about Stuart," she says. "He's my teddy bear and security."

She has two stepchildren, Stuart Gregory and Lynn Daniels, and a granddaughter, Aarica Daniels, who she enjoys a great deal. "Aarica loves Longwood."

See SPIRIT p.4

What's Going on with the SGA

Kristen Casalenuovo
SGA Correspondent

The new term of student government started out with a retreat to Richmond the weekend of the January 23rd to get to know one another and to develop individual and group mission statements for the upcoming semester.

Each person on the Senate wrote out their own personal goals and together everyone decided on goals for the SGA as a whole.

Parking, publicity of SGA events, constitution revisions, and heightening the function of the committees are a few of the specific issues that SGA will target this semester.

Generally, the SGA wants to become a stronger, closer group that will run more efficiently and will stay open-minded.

Due to the inclement weather,

the first official meeting of the SGA, scheduled for the 27th, was cancelled.

President Alicia Moody called an emergency meeting of the Senate that Thursday in order to take care of some important business issues: appointing a new Executive Senator, committee chairs, a Historian, and two new Senators.

After being selected from a pool of candidates at the retreat, new Executive Senator, Daniel Wray, was voted into office by the Senate.

Executive Senator Wray is also the freshman class President. Together, he and the presidential appointed Executive Senator, Andy Peterson, will be the watchdogs of the Senate and the Executive, ensuring that everyone is fulfilling their duties.

The new Historian is Megan

Beazley, who was already in action taking pictures at the retreat after being sworn in at the Tuesday meeting.

In the Treasurer's report, Treasurer Jon Miller has been hard at work auditing all the organizations.

He has appointed an unofficial Vice Treasurer, Alecia Mullins, to help him perform the audits. Miller also announced the available funds the SAFC has to allot this semester, which is approximately \$200,000.

There are \$74,778 available in the accounting office right now and there is an extra \$124,000 waiting in the Treasury.

Finally, Miller proclaimed February 28th an important date to mark because all organizational budgets are due.

See SGA p.4

Words From the Editor



An Open Letter:

I love this school with all my heart and all my soul. I can say that, and I can say it honestly. Why else would I be here, week after week, writing, editing, and fixing well-past midnight?

Why else would I have been president of an organization? Why else would I be on the executive boards to two other organizations? Why else would I live in ARC (though, I must be honest, I am not an Honors student)? Why would I be out of my room for fourteen hours at a clip between classes, work, and activities?

I complain because I'm devoted. I complain because I want to see change. I complain because I can't do it alone. I complain

because I want to see you get off your ass and join me.

Right now, I'm scared.

It has come to my attention that some of my favorite organizations are under fire for various wrong doings.

Okay, fine.

With the newspaper, especially, I'm very used to people on my case about various errors or how they've been horribly insulted by whatever we've printed.

Again, fine.

And it never really bothered me until I put two and two together and figured out what is going on behind our backs.

So this is me, fighting back.

I came to this school because they let me in. That's what I tell everyone, and, honestly, it's the flat truth. I get a lot of crap from people at home about

coming here.

But I stand up for this school because I believe in all it has to offer its students - something that bigger schools can't always say.

I fell in love with Longwood because of several things. Firstly, the class sizes are similar to those in high school. Secondly, no football team. Thirdly, it's beautiful. A whole bunch more love came from various activities and people I've met. Most of all, I fell in love with Longwood because of the enormous support from the faculty and staff. I can't name a single professor on this campus that refuses to go out of his/her way to ensure a student's success, both inside and outside of the classroom.

I wouldn't trade that for anything.

So when I played conspiracy theory, I thought about the following, none of which takes an English major to figure out.

I've heard various rumors concerning where our money goes. Say, perhaps, almost one hundred dollars per student toward going Division 1, and, say, less than a

meal at McDonald's for our Residence Halls.

Now I'm not a math major, but that's just not right.

Folks, in case you haven't noticed, we're an academic school. We are, however, quickly becoming a cookie-cutter sports school.

That scares me.

I don't know if anyone notices, but our sports teams, as they stand, are not very good, with the exception of very few. Moving up to Division 1 will not make them any better.

I didn't fall in love with this school to be one of numbers. I didn't fall in love with this school to see academics fall by the wayside. I didn't fall in love with this school to lose the repertoire with professors because they no longer have the time. I didn't fall in love with this school to obtain friendships with people who only get four hours of sleep a night because they feel so pressured to be more than what they really are.

Longwood has such a rich and beautiful history. Look around. Listen to Dr. Jordan's stories. Ask

alumni. Ask the professors that have been here since our parents were young. Read issues of *The Rotunda* from 1920 (they're in the library) We are Longwood's daughters, mothers, sisters, and grandmothers.

I fear that our foremothers would be ashamed if they could see us today.

We may not be the biggest name. Farmville may not be on the map. But we as a school and a community do not need to throw away our past for a future of names and recognition.

We have everything we need. In our community. In our students. In our faculty. In our future. In our history. In our hearts. In our spirits. In our powerful passions.

With greatest respect, and an undying desire to maintain the Chi in all of us, I sign myself,

Amy Whipple

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The Rotunda is an equal opportunity volunteer organization and is looking for people who are interested in writing or layout. We currently have positions available and ask anyone who is interested to come to our meetings, Mondays at 9:15 p.m.

Lazy RAs Make Life Difficult for Residents

Tanner Keith
Opinion Editor

Earlier last semester, our RA told my hall that we would be able to close the fire doors on the first floor of South Ruffner.

Closing the doors helps to keep the heat, noise, and smells out and the air-conditioning in.

Later that semester, we were told that the doors were to be kept open.

Why? Because they're fire doors. How obvious. Or at least you would think so, right?

The doors close when there is a fire drill, or in the event of an actual fire, in order to stop the fire from spreading.

An electric pulse disables the magnet on the wall, and the doors swing closed, efficiently containing the fire and keeping us all safe.

However, if the doors are already closed when the alarm goes off, nothing happens and there is no damage to the door.

The doors have no lock, so they can not trap residents in a fiery

building after they close, which makes me think it really makes no difference if the doors are open or closed in any event.

When I presented these ideas to my RA, I was not given an answer.

I decided to talk to the REC, who said that there had been some confusion over which doors could be closed.

Along with the double fire doors, there is a door with a large window, which has remained open since Ruffner was constructed. (We were also told this door must be left open).

On the second, third, and forth the same door with a window is left closed.

Apparently, the only thing a door needs in order to be a "fire door" is a magnet, which allows the door to close in the case of a fire.

After discussing this illogical decision, the REC informed me that the door with the window would not be closed. This is when I discovered the main reason for leaving the fire doors open was

not actually because they were fire doors.

The real reason the fire door was being re-opened was because it would block the view of RAs making rounds.

The REC said it is much easier for RAs to look down the halls rather than actually walk all the way through them.

I was glad to finally hear the real reason to keep the double doors open.

I also was glad to confirm we could leave the single door closed.

Since then, the door is mysteriously left open after being closed, usually during the night.

I am growing tired of continually having to shut this door, after we were given specific permission to keep it closed.

So my question is, why can the RAs not simply walk down the hall, or at least open the door themselves?

It can't be that hard, and it would make living on the hall a lot more convenient.

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Citizen Leadership Is Not All It's Cracked Up to Be

Jenn Dize
Features Editor

I'd like to preface this rant by letting you know a few of my activities on campus. I am a justice on Longwood's Honor Board, an RA, Features Editor of The Rotunda, active in the Women's Studies Program, and various other organizations on campus.

I think I'm learning to dislike Longwood's Citizen Leader culture.

In the past I've always been ambivalent. The longer I'm here, though, the more I really start to think it's worthless.

There are good intentions, sure, but when put into practice it has failed miserably.

We have an entire class here at Longwood that is based around the idea of being Citizen Leaders and engaging in Citizen Leadership.

But has this added any value to the concept of Citizen Leadership or is it merely a requirement to graduate?

Do we even know what it means to be a "Citizen Leader?"

Okay, so let's say we are going to "create Citizen Leaders for the common good."

Great. Now, what does that mean?

Create-How? With what goal and for whom?

Citizen Leaders-Citizens of Longwood, Farmville, anywhere? Leaders-In what sense?

The common good- There's a line in an Alix Olson song that says something like, "What's in America's best interest/is rarely in mine" and that fits here.

What is good?

And for whom?

And who decides any of this?

Despite the lack of clarity, I was willing to be my usual optimistic self and assume they meant well.

Now, though, I'm not so sure. I'm beginning to realize that meaning well is not enough.

"Actions speak louder than words," right?

When I look around each day, I become more convinced that our campus is plagued by apathy.

In classes, in the D-Hall, even in my residence hall, very few people seem to care about anything beyond the next snow day.

In one particular class, I am troubled by the blatant sexist, classist, and homophobic opinions expressed on a daily basis.

Moreover, I am troubled by the fact that no one in the class seems to be bothered by these incredibly offensive remarks.

Comments such as "that's so gay," or "guys have to do all the work," or "girls always get better grades than boys," and even "the guy gets to decide the outcome of a date... he has the power," go completely unchecked.

On the way to the D-Hall, I see people spitting into the brand new fountain.

What makes the situation slightly more appalling is that these people were wearing clothes that identify them with a specific organization on campus.

The administration can talk about Citizen Leadership all it wants; however, the bottom line is that we are responsible for our own actions. The ideal shouldn't overshadow the reality.

Every time someone mentions Citizen Leadership, it is assumed that the members of the organization embody the ideals of that organization.

For instance, if I am in Honor Board or RA training, it is assumed we are all honorable, honest, and completely upstanding citizens.

That isn't true.

No one is perfect.

RAs drink with their residents and are still told they are leaders with a capital L.

Honor Board members see people cheat and have to think twice about reporting it.

Even The Rotunda is not with-

out fault.

There have been questionable ethical decisions made in the past.

I'm not saying we're all liars, cheaters, or thieves.

I'm just suggesting we should have to earn respect, instead of having it handed to us simply because we have chosen to belong to an organization.

According to proponents of Citizen Leadership, students all study, work hard, and care about their education.

In fact, for a large portion of our student population, very few of these assumptions are true.

We need to move away from the organization defining the person and toward the person defining the person.

I am not who I am because I belong to an organization, I exist outside of my activities.

I think that gets lost at Longwood. How often do we see one person in charge of five different organizations, on President's list, and struggling to keep his or her head above water?

Perhaps it is time to re-think how we find value.

Is our worth based on involvement, or something more?

And even beyond that, isn't telling someone he or she is a Citizen Leader a very exclusive idea?

"Well, you do X, Y, and Z so you are a leader."

"Oh, you don't do X, Y, or Z? Too bad. You might want to work on that, eh?"

No wonder people think it's hypocritical.

I'm not advocating a total loss of motivation, or respect for Longwood's values and traditions.

But it's time that we took a look at this motto and really considered at least re-defining it.

Longwood needs to realize that activities do not make a citizen leader, and that it may want to reconsider how it presents itself to the community.

That would, after all, be the Citizen Leader thing to do.

props and drops

Props:

- + To Jeopardy for the question, "What is bling-bling?"
- + To Anne Simboli's Kick-Ass Cookies.
- + To students standing up for their rights - we wish you luck!
- + To excellent academic advisors like Susan Rood.
- + To reading fun things.
- + To professors who really do care.

Drops:

- To February, the worst month in the entire year.
- To the D-Hall, for lima beans hidden in the lasagna.
- John Kasey for blowing it for the Panthers.
- To Longwood University for denying students the right to move off campus.
- Un-eaten wantons.

Speak Out

Do you think the FCC should have stricter regulations for what can be shown on network television?



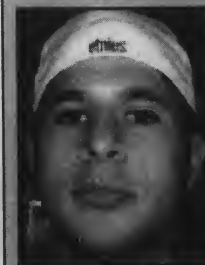
People say they want more strict regulations, but they know they just want something to talk about.

-Jed Womack



I think that it should be more censored than it is now, because of the children watching.

-Hannah Born



Yes, because our society has quickly gone to hell.

-Justin Dorsk



I think that it should be less strict, so that one day, I can go on TV and say (expletive deleted).

-Anna Cramer

Alum to Speak at Simkins Lecture

Kent Booty
LU Public Relations

A Longwood University alumnus who is a college professor, administrator, and recently published a book on race in Southern literature will speak at Longwood. His topic is: "To Hell and Back: Race and Betrayal from Huck Finn to the Brown Decision."

The program by Dr. Jeff Abernathy on Monday, Feb. 23, at 7:30 p.m. in Wygal Auditorium is both a Simkins Lecture and part of Longwood's commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the historic Brown v. Board of Education decision.

Dr. Abernathy, vice president for academic affairs at West Virginia Wesleyan College (WVWC), is the author of "To Hell and Back: Race and Betrayal in the Southern Novel," which was published last December by the University of Georgia Press.

The effect of the 1954 Brown decision by the U.S. Supreme Court, which outlawed segregation in public education, is covered in the book's conclusion.

A reception and book-signing will follow the talk by Dr. Abernathy, who also is dean of the college and professor of English at WVWC.

Dr. Abernathy, a Richmond native, is a



"I look forward to coming back to Longwood, where so much change has taken place recently," he said recently.

"The last time I was there was the fall of 2000, before the fire.

I'm glad to learn that the recovery (from the fire) is proceeding apace."

The Simkins Lecture honors one of the university's most illustrious faculty members, the late Dr.

1985 graduate of Longwood. He was editor of *The Rotunda* during his senior year.

A specialist in American literature and American studies, he taught English at Illinois College from 1992 until last June when he became Associate Dean of the college.

He has an M.A. from Virginia Commonwealth University and a Ph.D. from the University of Florida.

Over the years he has kept in close touch with Dr. Martha Cook, professor of English.

Francis Butler Simkins, a nationally recognized expert on the South who taught history at Longwood from 1928 until his death in 1966.

The lecture is sponsored by the University Lectures Committee and the Department of English and Modern Languages.

The Department of English and Modern Languages will host a reception honoring Dr. Abernathy immediately following the lecture. All are invited to attend.

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"She always asks to go to the bookstore so she can buy more Longwood stuff."

At home she also has four dachshunds and two cockatiels.

She loves to fish.

Her favorite hobby is collecting lighthouse memorabilia. She collects anything with a lighthouse, such as dishes, bedspreads, pillows, etc.

She even had a lighthouse Christmas tree. One lighthouse figure that she cherishes is her six-foot lighthouse statue that sits on her back porch, which was purchased at the Heart of Virginia Festival.

When asked what she enjoys the most about Longwood, Mrs. Dunnivant says, "It is the kids who enhance my Longwood spirit. Just being able to be their friend is something special."

SGA can't p. 1

In other SGA news, President Moody announced on Tuesday that Brock Commons will open on April 24th.

This is sure to be a huge event as the whole campus has been anticipating it all year.

Moody also announced that President Cormier has chosen 12 student delegates to go to Richmond to discuss the need for the Virginia Senate to allot the base adequacy funding for higher education, which it is supposed to provide anyway.

Some final announcements that deserve mention are: Senior class President Monica Sober discussed the selling of the Virginian, Longwood's yearbook, this week and asked every student to be considerate and at least get your picture taken even if you are not purchasing a yearbook.

The junior class is taking applications for a President and a Vice President. Stop by the SGA office and pick up an applica-

tion.

The sophomore class is having a fundraising auction; all proceeds will go towards the class's senior gift.

The freshman class is having a carnival sale, which is taking place February 4th, 6th, and 8th in the dining hall for Valentine's Day.

The last order of business this Tuesday was the appointment of the two new senators.

The senate and the president selected two able people from a pool of five qualified students.

Lisa Squicciarini and Kaitlin Church are the SGA's newest senators.

Lisa is a Big Sibling, a former RA, and she was the Vice President of Sigma Kappa sorority last year.

Kaitlin is a current RA in Curry, a second year student, and wanted to become more involved with her school.

We congratulate our new members on our great start to the new term!

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LCVA Opening Exhibits

5-7 p.m.

Southern Justice

9 p.m.

Mulligan's

Alain Nu

Mentalist

10 p.m.

Lankford Ballroom

Saturday
7

Band - 2 Skinny Dorks

8 pm in Lancer Cafe

Junction

9 p.m.

Mulligan's

Listen for "The Goldenfish Show"

10-12 a.m.

WMLU 91.3 fm

Sunday
8

WMLU Meeting

9:00 p.m.

Hiner 2nd floor

Auditorium

Monday
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Want to join The Rotunda staff?

9:15 p.m. in the bottom of the Student Union!

Listen to "Pimp Juice"

11-12 a.m.

WMLU 91.3 fm

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S.A.F.E. Meetings

4:30 p.m.

Student Union

Spring Weekend

Meeting

9 p.m.

Nottoway Room

Comedy Committee

8 p.m.

Nottoway Room

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SexSignals

8 p.m.

Lankford Ballroom

Come edit pages for The Rotunda in your copious free time!

Tune in to "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil"

12-2 a.m.

WMLU 91.3 fm

Thursday
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Unity Alliance

8:00 p.m., Grainger 618

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Grainger G18

Thursdays

8 p.m.

Textbook Publishers Should Put People Before Profits

U-Wire

If there's one thing more emotionally painful than watching someone maim a kitten, it's buying college textbooks.

Every semester, students shell out hundreds of dollars -- the average outlay is \$898 a year for books, according to a new study by the California Student Public Interest Research Group.

Most of that money, of course, goes to funding new advances in the fields of statistics and calculus, which change with the breathtaking speed of molasses flowing uphill.

That's why selling back old books nets you only pennies on the dollar: the statistics theories you just learned has already become obsolete. Take that, kitten.

The CALPIRG study confirmed what every college student knew intuitively: we're getting what Richard Roundtree calls "the Shaft."

Its first finding reads, "Textbooks are Expensive and Getting Even More Expensive." Revelation!

Why are textbooks getting more expensive? We've been doing this printing thing for a few years now. It seems like we'd have most of the bugs worked out, and the prices should reflect that.

CALPIRG's study places much of the blame on big publishers who bundle extra, seldom-used CD-ROMs and other supplements with their books, driving up the price without adding any value.

Since most professors don't use the supplements, paying for them is like buying a sport utility vehicle when all you need is a sta-

tion wagon.

Students have little choice, as publishers continue to publish "updated" editions every few years.

The study also concluded that most new editions, especially in the fields of math and science, contain little new information.

Many merely juggle problems and illustrations to justify new editions.

The publishers have what every business wants -- a captive market.

They can hold a student's education hostage, because what recourse do students have? Boycott expensive classes? Threaten to walk out if book prices don't come down?

It's ironic that, while college has become a virtual necessity to success, it's become a heavier financial burden.

Tuition and fees have increased 14.1 percent in the last year, according to the College Board; 39 percent of college graduates leave with unmanageable levels of debt.

Book prices might seem like a small worry compared to thousands of dollars in student loans, but those dollars add up.

Sure, online book searches like addall.com and the soon-to-come SWAPitt can help ease the weight, but that doesn't change the dynamic of a system that heavily favors publishers.

The situation isn't going to change overnight. Back in August 2001, The Pitt News concluded an editorial, "Every year, we all complain about the prices of books. It's about time we did something about it."

So far, it seems students have

only been able to find small loopholes in the system.

We may be able to get books cheaper online or by buying them used, but the price of new textbooks continues to climb.

The extra expense still hurts those who have no choice but to buy new books.

There's a need among textbook publishers and the larger university system to rethink priorities.

Profits are indeed a just and wonderful thing, but at a time when most students work their entire college careers in order to graduate with a manageable level of debt, maybe it's time to look to slightly less tangible ideals -- emphasize the much-touted value of a college education instead of the cost.

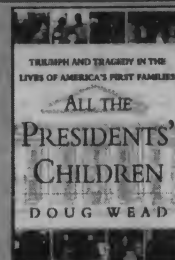
What's required is a greater awareness on the parts of both publishers and professors -- who, after all, select the books you have to buy -- that their choices have real impact upon students.

Remember, when it is your turn, your decisions do affect others.

A professor who makes up his own calculus problems and posts them online might save his students a hundred dollars.

A publisher who foregoes that unnecessary new edition might help even more.

Better yet, imagine it's your kid whose future you're affecting. Makes you think.



Paula Nusbaum
Raleighdon Intern

One of the latest New York Times bestsellers is Doug Wead's *All the President's Children: Triumph and Tragedy in the Lives of America's First Families*.

This non-fiction work recounts the lives of several presidents and their families, for instance: the courageous Roosevelts, the tragic Lincolns, and the successful Bushes.

There are also many accounts of rivalries and scandals among America's First Children.

Wead centers on the idea that there are "two things [that] are unforgivable for the child of a president - success and fail-

President's Children

a Charming Read

ure".

All the President's Children is a quick read filled with amusing anecdotes.

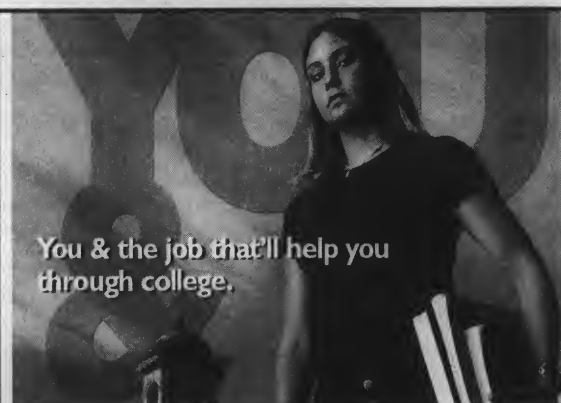
One famous incident featured a dinner hostess who said to the reticent President Calvin Coolidge, "You must talk to me, Mr. Coolidge ... I made a bet today that I can get more than two words out of you."

Coolidge allegedly replied, "You lose."

Another anecdote details the legendary wit of Alice Roosevelt Longworth, daughter of the 26th President Theodore Roosevelt.

On one occasion she responded to Senator Joe McCarthy, who had addressed her by her first name, saying, "You will not call me Alice...the truckman, the trashman and the policeman on the block may call me Alice but you may not."

For those with an interest in the presidency and their children *All Our President's Children* is now available in hardcover and paperback.



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-Kathleen Madigan

Do Your Part: Save Virginia Writing

Stephanie Riggsby
Staff Advisor

This is a plea, a simple plea, to all students, those of you who have been published and those of you who still dream that it is possible.

It has come to the attention of this writer that Longwood's own *Virginia Writing* may not be published after the February 12 edition of this year.

This saddens me, because I was published in the fall issue of 1994.

This was an important moment in my life, one I would never want to take away from future writers.

Considered by many to be the "finest literary contribution education," *Virginia Writing* was started by Billy Clark in 1986.

Since that time the magazine has been published bi-annually until recently, when it has become all but apparent that there will be no more funding to make this work happen.

For the last year, Hampden-Sydney has struggled to find the funding to keep the literary

magazine going, but now things are unsure.

"I don't know how we can hold on much longer," said Clark in a phone interview on Wednesday night.

According to Clark, it would take nothing short of a "miracle" to breathe life back into such an important tribute to the creativity of high school students.

According to Ken Woodley, editor of the *Farmville Herald*, "all it would take is a modest annual contribution of \$50 to \$100 from each Virginia public school division and private school."

This equates to a bake sale, a car wash, or an auction of some kind by all students in just English classes around the Commonwealth to make a way for their work to be seen by so many others.

This is hardly an unreasonable request, for "90 percent of *Virginia Writing's* content is original work by high school students, ten percent by teachers," states Woodley.

Giving others the same opportunity we had is only fair.

I have to wonder how these things happen. I rectified myself

with the situation of this state's budget, including the loss of financial aid and on-campus work study.

I know that this school has had to fire members of the staff in order to operate, and just yesterday President Cormier sent a notice asking the student body to write proposals to the General Assembly for consideration.

She writes "additional funding for higher education is crucial in keeping tuition increases low, accepting additional students, and keeping our faculty from leaving for institutions in other states."

Clark spoke fondly of President Cormier, describing her as a "saint, a very dear lady."

Clark feelings of loss resonate so much.

He says he doesn't know "how we can hold on much longer."

Words like this are disturbing and hurtful to a school known for its academics and citizen leadership.

This school is tied to perhaps the most wonderful tool that opens not only the minds but the

creative flow of so many potential Longwood students.

It opened up mine.

Without this magazine, I would have never considered Longwood, and now, I can't see my life without it.

This school cannot help the loss of funding, but it can hurt from the loss of such a wonderful place of expression.

I beg every student, faculty, and staff member not to let this happen.

If you know someone who was published or may be published in *Virginia Writing*, let them know what could very well happen.

If you have a child in the public school system and you are active in the PTA or the local superintendent's office, tell them what it would take to help keep this magazine going.

To quote Woodley from his editorial February 4, "don't let the creativity of our young people go hungry. Other appetites are waiting to devour them."

I wholeheartedly agree.

How Grammys Single Out the Best

U-Wire

The Grammys is one of the oldest award shows still running, consistently receiving more than 20 million viewers.

Despite its popularity, viewers rarely know the intricacies of the selection process, a process that reveals why certain artists win, while others appear to be snubbed.

The Grammy Awards are given by the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences, Inc., also known as the Recording Academy.

Since its conception in 1957, the Recording Academy aims for the promotion of the cultural conditions and overall lifestyle of all the people associated with the creation of music.

What began as a TV special called "The Best On Record" has grown into today's Grammy Awards ceremony, presented live and featuring major recording artists from diverse genres.

The Grammys are peer-presented awards, valuing "artistic

achievement, technical proficiency and overall excellence in the recording industry, without regard to album sales or chart position," in the words of the Recording Academy.

The selection process begins when artists, technical crew and record companies submit entries to contest for the Grammy Awards.

These entries are scanned and the eligible entries are placed in specific categories.

These scanning sessions are held by a diverse group of about 150 experts who divide music into 28 different fields, with 105 categories within those fields.

The academy's voting members then select five finalists in each category, who are nominated as the finalists for the Grammy Awards.

To help ensure the quality of the voting, members are directed to vote only within their fields of expertise and return their ballots to an independent accounting firm that does the ballot counting.

Lists of the finalists are then sent to voting members of the Recording Academy with second-round ballots.

The votes are counted in secrecy by the same independent accounting firm responsible for the first set of ballots.

Finally, the results are delivered in sealed envelopes to the Grammy Awards show, where the winners are revealed to the artists, peers and public during the awards presentation ceremony.

Though this selection procedure seems to be foolproof, some argue that it may be influenced by the membership of the panel of the voting members.

But with the panel size of 150 experts, chances of bias are minimized, as the votes of all the 150 members, with each utilizing experience, are considered.

The 46th Annual Grammy Awards will be presented in Los Angeles at the Staples Center on Sunday, Feb. 8.

The show will be broadcast on the CBS Television Network from 8-11:30 p.m.



Pardon the pun, but *A Crow Left of the Murder* should be "left" on the shelf.

There are some good songs on Incubus' new album; but overall, it feels like it's been done before.

After a label dispute with Sony, *A Crow Left of the Murder* is Incubus' first album on Epic.

In the spirit of change, it is also the first with bass player Ben Kenney, formerly of the Roots.

Despite the changes, Incubus stays with the formula it adopted on 1999's "Make Yourself," alternating heavy songs with slower ballads, which led to the band's explosion onto the scene and produced the hit singles "Stellar," "Drive" and "Pardon Me."

There are a few good harder songs, such as the first single "Megalomaniac."

An angry anti-Bush anthem,

A Crow Left of the Murder Should Be Left on the Shelf

"Priceless," is a heavier song where the verses are delivered in couplets by lead singer Brandon Boyd, is by far the best song on the album.

In the slow song category, this album is lacking. "Here in My Room" is a ballad, somewhat reminiscent of Placebo.

The slower songs are unimaginative and add nothing significant.

As Boyd says on "Beware! Criminal," "I swear I've heard this song before."

The few songs that stray from the formula are mistakes. "Southern Girl" is sung in a half falsetto about a girl who is "an exception to the rule" -- whatever that means.

"Agoraphobia" also features Boyd screaming in a falsetto, a sound the band would be much better off avoiding.

"Crow" is bound to be a commercial success, but the old formula is starting to wear thin.

HOROSCOPES

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan 19)

Make sure you're on top of everything- especially that crush in Physics class.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Love is indeed an elusive butterfly, kind of like your friends.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

Nice doggies don't bite- too bad you're dating a Rottweiler.

Aries (Mar. 21-April 19)

Hey! Mom was right, your face did freeze like that!

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Fire and ice don't go well together and neither does that top with those jeans.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

When I said "take a long walk off a short pier," I didn't.. well, yeah, I did mean it.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Love isn't as easy as it looks- but you are!

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Your roommate would greatly appreciate it if you showered this week.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22)

Still waters run deep, especially when they're over your head.

Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22)

Consider developing a talent- if you can find one.

Scorpio (Oct. 23. -Nov. 21)

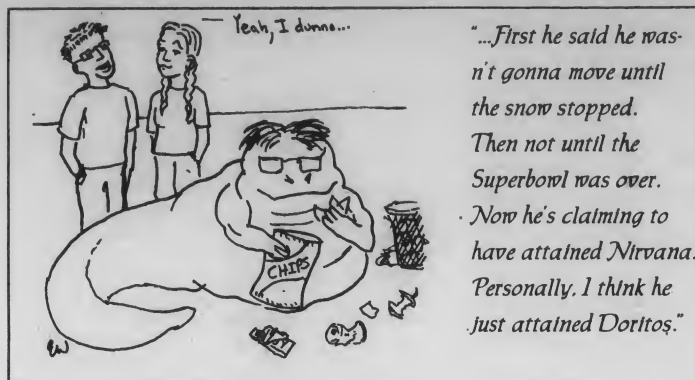
That voice you've been hearing isn't your conscience. The voices in my head told me so.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Just because you go to Longwood doesn't mean you have one.

Tongue in Cheek

by Ellie Woodruff



Foot in Mouth

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Style

Blue Heat Fires Up 2 Skinny Dorks and More Indie

A preview for this weekend's LP event

Amie Worley
Guest Writer

When I first arrived at Longwood I hit the Lankford Student Union on a prowl to find a dance team. That mission turned out unsuccessful.

The first thing I found was the company, and then I finally found out about our schools team Blue Heat by reading posters in the Dining Hall. When I went to the interest meeting there were at least twenty-five girls there wanting to learn more, and a student coach, Dyanna Giles, dishing out the information.

Dyanna started the team in Spring 2001 after being accepted by SGA in Fall of 2001. She still works hard making improvements on the team, organizing it and preparing us for competition and games.

This year Blue Heat received it's first bid to a national competition with a pom routine they performed in Richmond. We are currently working on a funk routine to take to the competition too. Recently I have come to realize just how much work it is going to take juggling the basketball team's half times and our own work for the upcoming competition.

Our last dance was a whole new experience collaborating with the cheerleaders in one big performance and definitely something we would like to do again. Every girl on the team is friendly and our two captains Stacey and Christy do an awesome job of putting together routines. The girls on Blue Heat are definitely dedicated and are constantly driving to become a better team as a whole and not just individually.

Patrick Sullivan
Staff Writer

Eric Penrod and Jake Blazer are both extremely neurotic, semi-compulsive, slightly underweight, deliberately truthful, uncomfortably revealing, but still put on a really good show!

Recognized by the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame as the number one unsigned band, the 2 Skinny Dorks have traveled across America, performing at colleges and on radio and television. Hailing from musical city of

Cleveland, Ohio, the Dorks have opened for Dave Matthews Band, The Goo Goo Dolls, and George Clinton. They have recently released their third CD titled *SPREAD LOVE* which has received national acclaim and strengthened the group's already large faithful following. The duo's music combines their unique style with a high energy, humorous song and lyrics that draws in their audience starting from the very first song. Penrod states his favorite musicians are Ani DiFranco, Phish, and Ben

Harper. Blazer on the other hand prefers long walks on the beach and, of course, roller-skating in the nude. Both the Dorks have received praise from the likes Tim Reynolds of Dave Matthews Band who says "These Guys are the best band I have seen on the tour" and Bob Dickey of Universal Records calls them "Refreshing and new... the CD is awesome. It's going straight to the top." You can see the Two Skinny Dorks for free this Saturday at 8:00 pm in the Lancer Café.

The Darkness Ravishes England, Next Stop the US

Jeremy Cook
Guest Writer

A band called "The Darkness" has taken England by storm. After several unsuccessful attempts to build an all-star band, four artists finally came together to produce a sound and show of the likes that has not been seen since the 80's.

Dan Hawkins had great talent, but he had been unsuccessful finding a niche in the rock world. He finally found the missing link when he discovered his big brother's incredible talent for showmanship.

Along with their friends, drummer Ed Graham and bassist Frankie Poullain, they created "The Darkness." The group has made it big in England, kicking every lame, sappy, sad-I-want-to-kill-myself-and-everyone-else-too band with their volatile mixture of 70's and 80's style music.

They combine everything that was great about AC/DC, G N R, Def Leopard, and Bon Jovi, with influences from some many other great rockers. Mix these ingredients together and slap on a clothing style that Queen would be shocked to see, and you have one helluva unique thing: a band that loves their music and doesn't hate the world.

They don't have over-inflated egos, and believe it or not, they actually smile when they perform.

With several appearances in the United States already, if you haven't heard of them then you soon will. "The Darkness" is not a joke people, they are a breath of fresh air in the dingy, smoke-filled shithole that is the music industry today.

Look past Justin Hawkins' tight, lycra jumpsuit and take a listen to this awesome group, and they will rock your world.



Farmville Spotlight: The Railroad Tracks

Janet Jones
Staff Writer

One lovely afternoon I walked to my favorite place in Farmville to enjoy the sunset. I had been anticipating this all day and knew that I would witness a wonderful end to the day.

I walked past the creepy furniture warehouses, the Appomattox River, over the bridge, and turned right onto River Road. I climbed up the rugged rocks on the side of the road and pulled myself up the hill onto the railroad tracks.

I had arrived in plenty of time to walk over the river and wait for the sun to lower itself into the earth.

Suddenly, out of nowhere, a vast, wretched rain cloud hastily overtook the sky.

Ten mere minutes until sunset. It was the worst possible thing that could have happened. I was infuriated with the current weather conditions. There I was alone, on the railroad tracks and without the sun.

Now that I think about it

worst things could have happened, like a train coming to dismember me. Overall, it was not a horrible day as I was able to do some rock climbing and look at the beautiful scenery around me.

Many times when visiting this

However the view from the railroad tracks is worth a trespassing charge. It is the most beautiful place I have encountered thus far in this town.

I know many people are not as adventurous as I am and do

not particularly enjoy embracing nature; however, this should not stop you from unearthing the serenity that you will find.

I also know that words are seemingly useless since they can never completely express what you are really trying to say. There is an impossibility that I cannot write, because I just cannot.

There is no certainty in the adjectives I have used to describe this location and I am sure there are better ones somewhere that I could have used.

So I challenge you to challenge me in finding finer words to express the beauty of this terra firma. The only way to do this is

by trudging through the empty beer cans and lost papers in your restricted room and traversing down the road, while following the above directions. Carpe diem.



Why Aren't You Wearing Any Clothes?

Bobbi Thibo
Asst. Editor

Despite freezing rain, falling ice, and obscene wind chill factors, some people still insist on dressing like they've already left for spring break. Looking around campus the past few days, it is not unlikely that you will spot someone walking around in shorts, t-shirts, and sandals. And people wonder why they get sick. So what is the

attraction to wearing summer clothes in the dead of winter?

"I'm too lazy to put on socks and tie shoes, so I just slip on some sandals," said Patrick Sullivan. Some students wear clothes to make a statement.

"I like the look of spring fashions. If you like something, why not wear it all the time, despite what the 'fashion police' say you should be wearing that month." Sophomore Samantha Soukup

stated. "Plus, it's more convenient. If you're just laying around the dorm or going to the gym or any sports activity, you don't want to be wearing sweaters and big chunky shoes." Soukup added.

While at a first glance it may seem an unintelligent decision to not "bundle up," some students on campus obviously feel winter clothes aren't a necessity.



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Theron Transforms into a *Monster*

U-Wire

A chilling and sometimes disturbing movie, "Monster" turns the stomach. Still, it is a captivating portrayal of a haunting, true story.

Aileen Wuornos (Charlize Theron) is a highway prostitute ready to take her own life; she has lived a miserable life of abuse as a child that ultimately led to her hooking and more abuse. "Monster" follows Aileen as she meets a young woman named Selby (Christina Ricci), and a relationship forms between the two women.

Aileen talks Selby into staying with her in Florida instead of going back to live with her parents, who shunned Selby for being a lesbian. In order to make money for the two to live together, Aileen hooks. But after being raped and almost killed by one man - whom she kills in self defense - she takes on a mentality that all "Johns" are going to rape her. She continues to kill unsuspecting men, hiding their bodies and taking their money.

Aileen Wuornos killed seven men and was eventually caught and executed in a Florida State Prison on Oct. 9, 2003.

Directed by Patty Jenkins, who had previously directed only two short films, "Just Drive" and "Velocity Rules" in 2001, "Monster" is an incredible story of a woman who was very troubled.

Jenkins tells the story of Wuornos' savage killings through the eyes of this desperate woman, who had been a victim very early in life. Wuornos was yearning for life - which she hadn't had much of - as well as love, which she found in her new, young friend Selby. Wuornos is shown losing all hope in men; they only want her for a quick job. No love is involved with the men she has encountered.

Charlize Theron is phenomenal in the role of Aileen Wuornos. She completely transformed her appearance for this film, putting on 30 pounds for the role while

having her hair done in a dirty mess. With makeup, she resembles the real Wuornos to an almost mirror image.

Theron not only had the look, but she played a hurt and troubled Wuornos, angry at the world and humankind. It's hard to tell that it is even Theron playing the role; it's so convincing, it's scary.

Christina Ricci also did a wonderful job as the young and confused lesbian lover of Wuornos. Her character was naive and impressionable, and Ricci helped make it believable.

At one point, Ricci's character was terrified when she found out about the murders. But when they needed money and a car, she demanded that Wuornos go back out into the night. Ricci displayed control of her character while going through emotional changes.

Another important element in this film was the soundtrack. Set in the '80s, the music played an important role in supporting each scene. The strongest point to this is in a scene where Aileen and Selby are skating together at a roller rink, when a couples' skate is announced and Journey's "Don't Stop Believin'" is played. Aileen turns to Selby and says, "Oh, man, I love this song," as they start skating together. This leads them to becoming more attracted to each other, making for a very intimate scene.

This movie isn't for the squeamish or faint of heart. It is a violent and intimate story, about a troubled woman who took her pain and turned it on unsuspecting men. The subject matter is racy and startling, with a lesbian love scene and several brutal murder scenes. With compelling and phenomenal performances by Theron and Ricci, and a well-written script, "Monster" will leave you startled and unsettled. You'll exit the theater satisfied with this impressive film.

CD Review: Ben Folds Not So Rockin' Anymore

U-Wire

Ben Folds, founder of the three-member group Ben Folds Five, let his band manage his solo career to take a step backwards with his two newly-released EPs.

Folds, a solo artist since his band broke up in 2000, announced to fans in August that he would be releasing three short collections in the coming months as a precursor to his next full-length album, due out some time in 2004.

However, three EPs have become two as Folds scrapped his plans to release the final one, leaving listeners with the hit-and-misses of "Speed Graphic" and "Sunny 16."

Once upon a time, Ben Folds could do no wrong. The breakup of Ben Folds Five was an amiable one, and "Rockin' the Suburbs,"

Folds' first solo endeavor, can be found in the CD collections of countless college rock fans. Yet Folds' era of making witty, well-masked social commentaries, and endearing stories of characters such as Fred Jones, Hiro, Zak, and Sara came to a provisional halt with the September release of "Sunny 16" and the later release of "Speed Graphic."

At first the idea of a Ben Folds EP sounded endearing. This artist, who proved time and again that he was a unique voice in a sea of recycled chord progressions, was offering a little something to tide fans over before releasing his next studio album.

The content of these mini-albums ranges from covers (The Divine Comedy's "Songs of

Love" and the Cure's "In Between Days") to a 13-year-old Folds original ("Dog" included on Ben Folds Five's first demo in 1990) to a song that was mostly written the day it was recorded in the studio ("All You Can Eat").

"Speed Graphic," the first of the two EPs, begins with a catchy redo of the Cure's "In Between Days." The upbeat tempo and strong bass (simulated by Folds on keyboard) are reminiscent of many of the faster tracks on "Rockin' the Suburbs." The second track, "Give Judy My Notice," is bearable because it avoids the pedestrian lyrics that populate the remainder of "Speed Graphic" and most of "Sunny 16." Some lines, such as "It's way too hard/Being loved by default," even manage to be poignant.

However, the aforementioned "Dog" ruins the pace of the EP. Its frenetic piano lines and painful lyrics are those of a tyro who has not yet learned the importance of creating songs that will keep listeners from tearing off their headphones. The final track, "Wandering", could not be more aptly titled as a summary to the Ben Folds EP experience

thus far. While some of the songs are likeable, they do not add anything to the cache of quirky and musically unique songs Folds has accumulated throughout his career; one of them even manages to be downright intolerable.

"Sunny 16," the second EP, starts with the cheeky original "There's Always Someone Cooler Than You." Its lyrics are trite ("Make me feel tiny if it makes you feel tall" and "Life is wonderful/Life is beautiful"), and a perusal of the next three songs leaves the listener with a similar disappointment in Folds' uncreative, obvious lyrics and presentation.

Aside from a triumphant ending in "You've Got to Learn to Live With What You Are," the piano arrangements, which are usually Folds' forte, are unmemorable here and certainly do not contain the emotional drive of classics like "Brick" and "Philosophy." In fact, rather than standing on its own, the piano is surprisingly relegated to an accompanying position, peeking through only for the occasional bridge and solo ending.

It is undoubtedly a bad sign that the strongest tracks on the EPs are both covers. The first,

track one on "Speed Graphic," provides a hopeful beginning to the EP experience. But it is "Sunny 16"'s closer, The Divine Comedy's "Songs of Love," that assures the listener the energetic pianist has not lost his touch. This song is a gem and nearly redeems the entire affair. The musical arrangement, with sweeping violins, echoing vocal tracks, and a lulling piano, creates the perfect mood for the song's three-quarter waltz time.

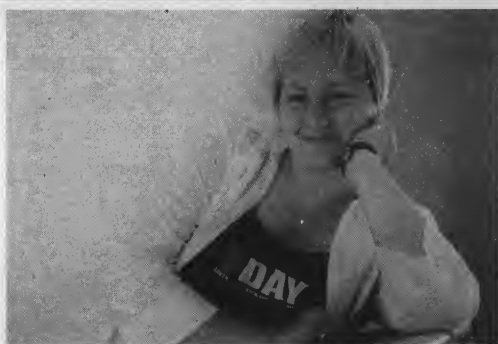
Just as the listener begins to lose faith in the piano rocker, he comes through with an instrumentally driven cover. Keeping with his tradition of offbeat but delightful covers, (e.g. "She Don't Use Jelly"), Folds astutely picks another winner.

With some cringe-worthy lyrics, a pair of well-chosen and well-executed covers, and a handful of forgettable tunes, the EPs are at best a shadow of what Folds is capable. Ben Folds admits that the EPs were done quickly. One can only hope that with more time the singer/songwriter will be able to dodge his current proclivity for banal lyrics and disposable riffs and repeat the success of his first solo endeavor.

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Women's Basketball Suffers Week's Only Loss *Season continues with an 11-8 record*

Pat Sullivan
Staff Writer

Longwood University dropped its only game played last week, falling 74-67 at the University of the District of Columbia Jan. 31 in the nation's capital.

The Lancers are now 11-8 on the season and are scheduled to return to action Monday, Feb. 2, as they host the Apprentice School for the first time in the program's history.

Tip-off is set for 7 p.m. in Lancer Hall.

At UDC, Longwood controlled the opening minutes of the contest, jumping out to a 7-2 lead, sparked by a three-pointer from senior Ebony Smith/Palmyra (Fluvanna Co.), followed by back-to-back field goals from junior Marita Meldere/Rujiena, Latvia (Lynchburg Christian).

The two teams then stayed evenly matched throughout the rest of the half before the Firebirds held the Lancers scoreless over the final 3:52, scoring eight unanswered points to close-out the stan-

za with a 31-22 lead.

The Firebirds opened the second half right where they left off and extended their advantage by as many as 18, until sophomore Ashley Mason/Virginia Beach (Princess Anne) scored 11 of her team-high and season-best 23 points to rally the Lancers to within nine points.

UDC quickly answered and once again expanded its advantage to 18 with 5:38 left in the game.

Longwood once more lowered the deficit to nine points at the 3:16 mark, as Mason hit the back end of a pair of free throws.

The Firebirds retaliated for a third time, extending their advantage to 15 points (72-57) before Mason propelled the final Longwood run, hitting her lone three-pointer of the game with 1:41 remaining.

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Superbowl or Lingerie Bowl?

*Half-time entertainment
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Pat Sullivan
Staff Writer

Did you see that pass? How about the hit? Wow, check out that boob!

Who needs the Lingerie Bowl when you have MTV's Super Bowl halftime show?

Stripping, grinding, and good ol' fashion crouch grapping!

Of course, without these nuances, the only things anyone would remember about the show were the five-years out-of-date songs and Kid Rock's American flag poncho.

During the break between the heated battle amid Carolina and New England, a world-wide audience was treated to a star-filled concert featuring Nelly, P. Diddy, Kid Rock, and of course, Janet Jackson and Justin Timberlake.

The finale of the show consisted of Janet's classic hit Rhythm Nation that led into Timberlake's Dance With Me.

At the end of the song Timberlake held true to the lyric, "I'm gonna have you naked by the end of this song" by reaching over and tearing off the right breast covering of Jackson's costume.

Timberlake would later refer to the incident as a costume malfunction.

Since the incident, all parties involved, including CBS, MTV, and the NFL, have repeatedly apologized.

Despite the apologies many are still skeptical about whether the stunt was intentional or not.

A few are even speculating over Timberlake friendship with MTV's "Punk'd" host Ashton Kutcher and if this could be the show's biggest punk to date.

Many people cite the Madonna and Britney Spears make-out session as MTV's willingness broadcast risky images.

CBS has also vowed to never let MTV produce another half-time show.

The station will also feature a video delay system during the Grammy's.

The FCC is currently in the process of beginning an investi-



gation over what many 12-year male Super-Bowl viewers are calling "the greatest half-time show ever."

One piece of nudity CBS didn't show was streaker who made it out onto the field dressed as a referee before the second half kickoff.

The streaker ran out to the kicker's tee before ripping off the referee uniform.

He continued to bare it all for nearly half a minute before being tackled by Patriots' linebacker Matt Chapman.

He was apprehended and there is currently no information about charges being filed.

The main issue being raised by this is not the streaker, but security's inability to prevent the occurrence.

Men's Basketball Continues Streak

Sports Information

Longwood University returned to action last week after a 12-day break and lost two games, falling 67-62 to the University of the District of Columbia.

The Lancers are now 3-16 this season and will host the Apprentice School Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. in Lancer Hall.

Longwood will complete the final eight games of the season with a 12-player roster that includes nine freshmen and only five scholarship players.

The Lancers had taken only their second lead, 62-60, with 1:33 remaining on a leaner in the lane from senior Nathan Fortner.

The Lancers caught UDC at 50-50 with 10:05 left on another three-pointer from Pistoljevic.

Three consecutive baskets from Wright made it 56-50 (8:00) before Longwood again fought back to tie the game at 58-58 with 4:14 to play on a basket by freshman Michael Jefferson/Chesterfield (Meadowbrook).

Sumter led Longwood with 17 points, adding five rebounds and three steals, while Fortner and Jefferson each had 14 points. Pistoljevic contributed 11 points for the Lancers. Longwood shot

46% (26-57) from the field, including 32% (6-19) on three-pointers, and 57% (4-7) at the free throw line.

At Saint Paul's (2-16), Longwood led early, scoring the game's first nine points to lead 9-0 at 16:49.

The Tigers, however, answered with 12-straight points to lead 12-9 at 12:39.

The hosts remained in front, extending the lead to 24-16 with 6:52 left before halftime.

The Lancers answered this time with a 14-4 run to lead 30-28 at 3:47 - getting six points from Jefferson.

The 30-4 run over the two halves prompted Lancer head coach Mike Gillian to empty his bench at that time.

The Tigers took their largest lead at 65-40 with 10:55 remaining before the Longwood reserves battled gamely down the stretch to narrow the final margin to 14 points.

Freshman Wes Hager/Las Vegas, Nev. (Coronada) sparked the rally with a career-high 10 points off the bench - all in the second half.

Jefferson finished with 12 points, as did Fortner, to lead the Lancers as Fortner added eight rebounds to his 12 points.

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Smith also hit a field goal from three-point territory, while Mason and senior Erica Marcum/Charleston, W.Va. (George Washington) each hit a field goal of their own over the final minute.

Yet, UDC fought off the late Lancer attempt and secured the home win.

Mason added five rebounds and an assist to her 23-point double-digit night on 9-for-11 shooting, while netting 4-of-7 attempts at the foul line.

Meldere posted her 10th double-double of the season with 23 points and 16 boards, hitting 7-for-13 from the floor and 7-for-8 at the foul line.

Smith finished the contest with seven points, including two three-pointers. Longwood shot 43.6 percent (24-55) from the field, including 50.0 percent (5-10) from beyond the arc and netting 14-of-20 attempts (70%) at the line.

Ti-Nishia Townsend led the host school with her game-high 28 points, while Keir Blake and Jaime Brown posted 12 and 10 points, respectively.

The Firebirds shot 45.5 percent (30-66) from the floor, including 72.7 percent (8-11) from three-point land and 66.7 percent (6-9) at the line.

Statistical Update

Through 19 games, Meldere continues to rank (4th) among Division II's top-rebounders, pulling down 12.1 boards a

game.

She also nets a team-best 16.9 points a contest, while registering a team-high 31.2 minutes, 2.3 steals, and 0.8 blocks each time out.

She is shooting 43 percent (123-284) from the field and 71 percent (75-105) at the line.

She has led the Lancers in scoring 13 times, and in rebounding 15 times, 10 of those being double-doubles.

She has also posted nine 20-point games and has 12 double-figure rebounding games this season.

Amber Mason follows with her season averages of 8.4 points and 4.6 rebounds, shooting 38.5 percent (50-130) from the field and 73.4 percent (47-64) at the line.

Smith is contributing 7.0 points and 5.9 rebounds per contest,

while shooting 33.6 percent (49-146) from the floor, while Dunn gets 6.8 points on 40.9 percent (52-127) shooting and grabs 5.1 boards a game.

Marcum is adding 6.0 points and 1.8 assists, while sophomore Jessica Wilkerson/Roanoke (Northside) averages 5.9 points and a team-best 2.7 assists per game, while shooting 29 percent (31-106) from the floor and 67 percent (32-48) at the line foul line.

Others include Ashley Mason (9.8 points, 4.5 rebounds, team-best 59.5% (44-74) FG; team-best 53.3% (8-15) 3-FG; 64.7% (22-34) FT, 12 games); freshman Ashleigh Hollman/Centerville, Va. (4.9 points, 1.6 assists, 30.1% FG, 34.5% 3FG (19-55), 75% FT, 16

games); freshmen Abbey Freese/West Liberty, Ohio (West Liberty Salem) (3.5 points, 1.7 assists, 30.9% FG, 66.7% FT) and Rebecca Charles/South Charleston, W.Va. (South Charleston) (2.1 points, 2.5 rebounds, 34.0% FG, 38.1% FT).

The Lancers average 66.2 points while shooting 38.1 percent (455-1194) from the field, including 28.1 percent (78-278) on three-pointers, and 67.3 percent (269-400) at the line.

Following the Apprentice School game, Longwood will travel to North Carolina to face Lenoir-Rhyne College Feb. 4 at 6 p.m. before playing at Saint Paul's College in Lawrenceville Feb. 10.



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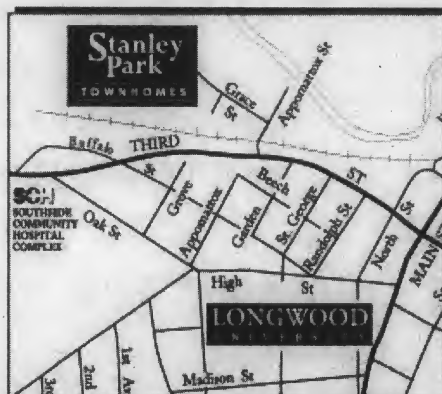
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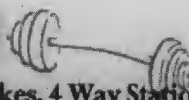
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Students Come Together to Discuss Longwood Policy

Patrick Trate
Staff Writer

For the past several years, spring semester has held special significance for rising juniors here at Longwood University.

As students wrapped up the last of their 56 credit hours, resigning their lower classman status, many began making plans to live off campus.

Some dreamt of renting an apartment with their best friends or even of finding a house with a fiancé.

None of those dreams came true this year; however, as every rising junior was denied during the off-campus application process.

Many students were enraged by this turn of events and, as denial letters filtered their way through the mailroom, resentment among the rising juniors grew stronger and stronger.

Their frustration came to a head on the afternoon of February 5th as a large group of students marched into Lancaster to demand answers.

The event started as an impromptu rally behind the



Student Union, organized by students Courtney Gartman and Valerie Cincinelli.

Gartman, a rising junior and member of the National Honor Society said, "I've worked very hard to live off campus. We [the rising juniors] should have the same rights as every other class."

The shift occurred when rising junior Greg Moxley called for the group to go directly to the President's office.

Amid chants and waving signs, the group marched across campus and was let into the main conference room of Lancaster followed shortly thereafter by

President Patricia Cormier.

In an almost epic display of wills, President Cormier, standing just four feet and eleven inches high, held court over the embroiled crowd of approximately 150 students.

Together with Dr. Tim Pierson, Vice President of Student Affairs, she responded to the students' questions.

Many in the group wanted to know why Longwood had changed its policy on allowing juniors to live off campus but, as was briefly explained at the meeting, Longwood policy did not change; the University has always

reserved the right to deny juniors from living off campus and has simply not needed to do so in past years.

"Our first responsibility" President Cormier explained, "Is to the value of your degree."

After nearly an hour of questioning, the meeting was abruptly ended and many students left feeling unsatisfied.

Fortunately for those on both sides of the argument, a more conventional meeting was held the following day in the Student Union ballroom.

This medium seemed to go over much better with the administration.

Students Bobbi Thibo and Deanna Martinez organized this mediated forum within 24 hours of receiving their rejection letters for moving off-campus.

Dr. Tim Pierson presided over the discussion, along with Alicia Moody and several department heads.

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Daring to Take on Diabetes

Chrissy Gray
Staff Writer

"We're trying to raise money for a cure," says Megan Halsey, President of Alpha Gamma Delta.

The sorority is sponsoring a Diabetes walk on campus to raise awareness and funds for research.

In 2002, the American Diabetes Association (ADA) estimated that 18.2 million people were affected by Diabetes.

The ADA goes on to say that of those 18.2 million, 206,000 are people under the age of 20.

Complications that can be the result of diabetes, as listed by the ADA, include heart disease, stroke, high blood pressure, kidney disease, blindness, nervous system disease, dental disease, complications with pregnancies, and more.

Walks, like the one sponsored by Alpha Gamma Delta, help to raise money for research.

With more research comes the possibility of a cure, rather than simply treating the symptoms that current medications do.

The walk, which was re-scheduled due to inclement weather, will now take place at 4PM on February 10th.

It will start in front of Stubbs, and continue around the baseball field, in front of Curry and Frasier, and finally finish full circle in front of Stubbs.

Halsey says there will be balloons marking the predetermined path.

"We're not asking for an entry fee. Instead we're asking for people to donate whatever they can," says Halsey. The money raised will go to the International Alpha Gamma Delta Headquarters, which will then be passed on to diabetes research.

Halsey goes on to say that all 37 active members and 8 new members of Alpha Gamma Delta will be walking, but she invites everyone to participate.

She says, "We've also asked the members of other sororities to join us in the walk."

When asked about the walk becoming an annual event, Megan Halsey replied, "We'd like it to be."

The Bid for the Whitehouse: An Amateur Analysis

Anthony Sinecoff
Guest Writer

Now that Super Tuesday has come and gone and the year's freshness is waning, it seems appropriate to take stock and examine what will prove to be one of the most bitterly contested presidential races since...2000.

"I dated Dean but married Kerry," said one voter in the recent New Hampshire primary.

Dean's campaign, once the "refuge for malcontents," now seems all but over as a result of voter perceived vulnerability: "YEEEEAAA!"

That, of course, seems to be the consensus among voters as they give more serious credence

to the likes of John Kerry and John Edwards-both of whom have what is considered trademark viability-Kerry a military veteran and Edwards from the South.

The truth is that even without such strong assets on the part of those two candidates the race will be razor thin.

Recent Zogby polls suggest the country is back to the pre-September 11th split, with 46% saying they would vote for Bush in the coming election, and 46% saying they would vote for any Democratic candidate that will be nominated.

Indeed, when it comes to a choice for a Democratic candidate in the general election, the sentiment on this campus favors

that of "the one that can beat Bush."

John Kerry has not necessarily been running a more centrist campaign thus far, but has appealed to voters who are looking for a viable alternative to the President and one who does not have a breakdown whenever he loses a primary.

A recent CNN/Gallup/USA Today survey conducted between January 29-February 1, 2004 of 1,001 American adults showed John Kerry defeating President Bush 53 percent to 46 percent-a bit different from the Zogby poll thanks to Kerry's name recognition.

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Words From the Editor



So, hands down, Valentine's Day is the best holiday ever. It's been my favorite since I was in elementary school. Think about it: love, friends, family, cute cards, and pink M&Ms. Life really does not get better than that.

And I was going to go more in depth about it, but I signed onto LiveJournal this morning (this morning being Wednesday morning) to learn to my foolish English major delight (and sorrow as the case may be) that forty-one years ago today, Sylvia Plath stuck her head in an oven and ended her life.

So instead of telling you to combat your Valentine's Day blues by reading my favorite book

ever (*Grace* by George Burns) or watching one of the funniest movies ever (*Some Like It Hot* with Marilyn Monroe) or listening to one of the best albums ever (*Tapetery* by Carole King), I'm just going to totally and completely depress you.

Kind of like what you were expecting anyway.

Most of you hate Valentine's Day anyway, don't you?

Bah, to you.

So I read that happy little message this morning, and a tear fell from my eye.

I've been a Sylvia fan since high school, kind of like most middle-class teenage girls.

It all started with *The Bell Jar*, the perfect novel for, well, someone like me. I have to admit that I'm not really sure I got it the first time around. I figured out the basics, of course,

but it was missing something.

Well, I was missing something. I was missing the collegiate experience, the one that boils in your veins and wraps around your head when you're alone in your room at night that first summer back home.

It's kind of scary like that.

I've since enveloped her poetry and, most recently, the novel based on her last few months of life, *Wintering*. I still haven't seen the movie 'cause I'm lazy like that.

Something that has always amazed me about Sylvia in general is a quote from the book *Bitch* by Elizabeth Wurtzle. I carry around that book and use it as often as I can 'cause I'm weird like that.

"Sylvia Plath, who has by now been dead longer than she was alive, wrote *The Bell Jar*, composed her Pulitzer Prize-winning poetry, put together a collection of short stories, had a Fulbright Scholarship at Cambridge, graduated *summa cum laude* from Smith, taught a couple of semesters at her alma mater, had a couple of stays

in a mental hospital, managed to have many love affairs that ended badly and one marriage that was on its way to ending badly, gave birth to two babies - and still she was able to die at thirty, a suicide on schedule preceded by a life that ran at a breakneck pace" (183).

So maybe that was just the longest quote ever, and you just skipped over it, but it's just so amazing to me. I'm almost twenty-one, and I can hardly ever write an away message for AIM anymore, let alone take over the literary world. Where did this come from?

And it's not just Sylvia that is on my mind tonight. In Brit Lit IV this week, we are studying Virginia Woolf, my utmost literary hero. Take my love and passion for Sylvia and multiply it by a zillion and add four. That's how much I love Virginia. (So much so, in fact, that I refer to these women by their first names like I've been friends with them for my entire life.)

People deal less well with

Virginia. Maybe they're scared of her. Who is, after all, afraid of Virginia Woolf?

Apparently a whole bunch of college students.

I don't have a pithy quote from Wurtzle pertaining to Virginia, but I can tell you what I know. I know that she changed writing to bring us what we know today. I know that she was brilliant. I know that she had a hard childhood (her mother died, her half-sister died, her brothers abused her, her father was distant, she didn't fit in like her older sister did societally), but I also know that from that, she gave us some of the most insightful moments in the human mind. For that, I owe her everything.

For that, I owe her a card and some pink M&Ms.

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Housing Protest Not the Best Way to Achieve Goal

Brent Fleisher
Guest Writers

On the evening of February 5th, 2004, I was fortunate enough to be a part of a student "riot" to President Cormier's office.

This "riot" was to voice the student concern of students not being allowed to move off campus.

I thought that this would be a good way for the students to get their voices heard. I was wrong.

Questions ranged from why the credit requirement to move off campus changed, to why Longwood was destroying these students' lives.

Students even began to insult President Cormier and the University itself.

These students who insulted Longwood are NOT Citizen Leaders--and if you do decide to transfer to a different school, it will be for the better.

Longwood does not need any tainted-black-spots like you on this campus.

To combat most, if not all, of the questions dealing with the sudden change of credits, and the dis-

approval of nearly 300 students moving off campus, Dr. Tim Pierson read from the student handbook.

President Cormier also added that it was not hers, nor housing's, decision to deny the students off-campus housing... it was up to the Board of Visitors.

The Board of Visitors says that Longwood needs to be a "Residential Campus." What this means is that all of the 2444 occupancies offered here at Longwood MUST be filled before anyone is allowed off campus.

Longwood followed this rule... if anyone has a problem with this rule, they should write a letter to the Board of Visitors.

However, I digress. This article is not going to recap the events of this "riot," for I am sure that there is another article in this issue going over all of that.

I am writing to say THANK YOU President Cormier and Dr. Tim Pierson.

THANK YOU for meeting with all of these students at the last minute.

THANK YOU for answering

everyone's question with a factual response.

THANK YOU for keeping your cool and being one of Longwood's great Citizen Leaders.

THANK YOU for all of your hard work and thought that you put into addressing the students' needs.

A final note to students who did not get permission to live off campus: If you want to get your voice heard, get in touch with the Board of Visitors.

If you want to protest, do so, but in a Peaceful way. The moment that YOU get defensive and start attacking, you aren't going to win.

Finally, if you signed a lease back in October, do not say that Longwood screwed you over. It is your fault for going against what Longwood said.

There were posters hung everywhere as well as notices on the webpage saying not to sign the lease till you get your release.

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Sidewalk Etiquette: Smile at Me, Dammit!

Tanner Keith
Opinion Editor

During my walk to class yesterday, I noticed once again that most people that I don't know would not acknowledge the fact that I exist.

It seemed as though the majority of people I saw in that particular walk seemed to be in another world.

They would look down at the ground, off to the side, and even straight through me. Every girl who walked by me, I smiled at.

Almost every one of them either didn't make eye contact with me, or simply denied me a smile back.

Personally, I'm a big fan of the smile back. I like to give, and receive smile backs.

Males, however, we don't smile at each other. We send the head nod and an occasional, "wasup," to each other.

It seems as though head nods are the equivalent of waving.

Head nods and smiles are more or less the silent way of saying, "Yes, I see you there, you are

a real person as am I; congratulations on being human in the same manner I am human."

Usually, it is considered common courtesy to acknowledge someone else's existence.

Worse than not receiving a head nod or a smile back, however, is the "fake-out-hey," something that usually occurs to people like me.

As I walk, every now and then I'll see someone who waves and shouts, "Hey!" in a rather excited fashion.

Amazed that someone's actually talking to me on the sidewalk, I respond with my own, "hey," and I fail to notice that the prior "HEY!" was not directed at me, rather to the sorority girls directly behind me.

The "fake-out-hey" claims another victim, and I trudge on.

Today I decided to test my theory that over half of the people I see will not make intentional eye contact with me.

Where did I conduct my experiment?

Why, on the walk to Wynne of course—all fifteen minutes of

it.

By the time I had made it to the top of the final hill, I was ready to start spitting on people.

I had overestimated the friendliness of this campus.

I received three head nods, two "wasup's" and only three smile backs.

I passed by at least 50 people; I stopped counting in the commuter student parking lot, at which time I was thoroughly disgusted.

So, what is more important than being personable you may ask?

Talking on cell phones is one answer. People in groups are often focused on their own. And quite a few people seem to be concentrating on not falling down, as much as they stare at their feet.

The reason this irritates me is as follows: when the fall semester began, it seemed like everyone was new, and there was a common eagerness to make new friends.

Now, almost a month into the spring semester, I can't seem to find the same friendliness.

I'm not sure where it has gone—the friendliness, and I encourage you to help me find it.

Marriage and College Just Do Not Mix

Janet Jones
Guest Writer

It is becoming apparent to me that more college students are getting engaged at younger and younger ages.

Many of these people have been in long term relationships and feel that they must now take the next step.

But do they really have to? There are many different views on this topic and there is no right answer.

There are also people who get engaged, but do not have the intentions of getting married for years.

They just like the way it sounds and it provides security, since our society is so concerned with

fidelity.

I personally do not want to be engaged or married for many years, so that I may experience life on my own first.

I know not everyone will agree with that, so I asked people how they felt to get a more broad understanding of views on campus.

My roommate has been dating her boyfriend for almost 2 1/2 years and they do not have plans to do anything urgently.

She believes that people need to date each other for a long time, especially at this age, since they are changing so much.

If they cannot change together then they will just turn into another number in a statistic.

However she knows that not

everyone feels this way and when I asked her about this she said, "If it is meant to be, a long distance relationship will work, and therefore it will be long term."

Being married at a young age when you should be exploring your options may not be the right road.

College presents so many options, but at the same time you need to do what makes you happy."

One of my more liberal friends believes that marriage in college, or before 30 is stupid.

She has noticed that people change so much from their freshman to senior year that the future is too uncertain to promise your life to someone else.

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props and drops

Props:

- + To going home this weekend and getting out of Farmvegas!
- + To 4 new episodes of *Friends* in a row.
- + To 50 deg. days!
- + To Wild Cherry Pepsi.
- + To "smile backs."
- + To *The Butterfly Effect*
- + To Army Reservists coming home.

Drops:

- To pre and post Valentine's Day depression.
- To computers that don't work
- To girls who put up with bad boyfriends.
- To roaches in the Hamms bathrooms.
- To long lines in the dhall.
- To having no money in your checking account.

Speak Out

What are your plans for Valentine's Day?



I'm going to take my girl to Richmond, and go to Caraba's.
-J.D. Rome

Let's face it, Valentine's Day is a hallmark holiday, if you really cared about someone, you wouldn't need a special day to prove it.

-Mel McConnell



Probably I'll go out with my friends to dinner.
-Christina Rabey



I'll take my girlfriend out the Lighthouse cafe, maybe there will be a few surprises.
-Cris Dudding



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As tempers were calmer, student questions more pointed, and administration officials better prepared, this second session was much more productive.

Dr. Pierson noted, "It is much harder to respond to a mob than to an organized group."

The housing situation was more clearly explained to the students and, although many were still unhappy, it was clear Longwood had not enacted any policy changes.

So what exactly *did* happen?

To understand the situation better, it's important to know the history of Longwood housing.

Our university is, by ruling of the Board of Visitors, a residential campus.

For Longwood to maintain this

residential status, the university must reasonably fill the 2,436 beds on main campus.

Seniors have always had the privilege of living off campus and in past years their numbers generally covered the residential overflow.

As the college grew in size, however, it was necessary to build Stanley Park-which provided an extra 208 residential beds-and finally in the fall of 2001 to extend off campus eligibility to rising juniors.

The rule known as the Junior Exception (found on page 50 of the Student Handbook), grants students with a minimum of 56 credit hours the right to apply to live off campus.

Unlike seniors, however, they are not guaranteed off campus privileges.

Longwood receives over 300 applications for off campus housing every spring and, in the past, has been able to grant housing to every eligible applicant, both senior and junior.

This year, however, only 171 applications could be granted and, since seniors have priority, the juniors were passed by.

At Friday's forum Doug Howell, Director of Residential and Commuter Life, explained the factors that led to this year's anomalous numbers.

Firstly, Longwood will be ending its contract with Stanley Park at the end of this semester, meaning the 208 beds there will no longer be considered residential spots.

The students currently living in Stanley Park were required to go through the off campus application process, creating an influx of applicants.

More impor-

tantly, however, is the number of residential openings on main campus.

An inordinately high number of students have left Longwood midyear, some on academic or disciplinary charges, others to study abroad or to intern, and still others who have been called up to active military duty following the invasion of Iraq.

These largely unanticipated openings have to be filled by next year or Longwood will jeopardize its standing as a residential campus.

Although it is most unfortunate what happened to the rising juniors who were hoping to move off campus, myself included, the deciding factors were outside of the university's control.

In a final note, many students have complained that their voices were never recognized by President Cormier and the Board of Visitors.

SGA President Alicia Moody

would like to encourage those and all students to become more involved in the day-to-day politics of the University.

She pointed out that at the last open forum organized with President Cormier, only ten students attended.

As our SGA President, Moody herself holds a position on the Board of Visitors, she cannot speak for the students if they are not involved.

This is also an important lesson on a national level. Only 8% of college aged citizens in Virginia voted in 1998; with a Presidential election fast approaching for a term that may involve such pertinent issues as reinstatement of the draft, it is important to remember to get involved early before action is no longer a choice.

"We have SGA meetings every Tuesday at 3:45 in the Student Union," Moody tells us, "All are invited."

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Although this could be construed as a post-primary bump, Kerry has several assets that could help maintain such numbers.

First, Kerry is a veteran of the Vietnam War and once risked his life to save his fellow soldiers.

This is something his opponent will not be able to tout and something that will give Kerry at least equal footing with the President on the issue of national security.

He also has the allure of someone with grit-partaking in macho sports and a fan of red meat.

Then there is the flip side of the coin.

Kerry will be an easier target than, say, Edwards, in that he will be tagged a Northeastern Liberal-an advocate of partial-birth abortion and abolition of the death penalty and in bed with teacher's unions while sending his children to private schools.

This is a curse only to be lifted by picking a more moderate, perhaps southern, running mate.

The Bush machine also has a

few things on its side, including history.

No sitting president who has avoided a primary challenge has ever lost in the general election.

The campaign has raised a record amount of money-\$100,000,000-since thought of campaigning began.

Such funds will undoubtedly be used in battleground states such as Florida.

In addition, the economy saw a considerable boost in the second half of last year, averaging a six percent GDP growth.

There was also a general rise in other leading economic indicators, including the Core Price Index for consumer spending which suggests that this could be a minimal-inflation recovery and that the economy may be political capital the president can use.

Then there is the reality: if Bush wins every state he won last election, he will still just barely win, only earning 271 electoral votes to the Democratic candidate's 266.

The chances of Bush re-winning all those states are, now,

quite narrow-especially in industrial states such as Ohio, which was hit hard during the economic downturn.

States that could swing either way include Ohio, Missouri, Florida, and West Virginia.

It appears that this election could be the first one in recent memory where national security was the main issue.

Nevertheless, Democrats seem intent on pointing out mishaps surrounding the economy, including the fact that Bush is the first president since Hoover to preside over a net loss in jobs.

Additional economical issues, such as the \$500 billion current account deficit, the \$7 trillion long-term debt, and the economy will also be fair game.

Coupled with the prolonged destabilization in Iraq, these economical concerns could supply enough fodder to propel whichever Democratic candidate the voters choose to a victory, albeit in a narrow race.

Let us hope this time the general election can be decided by more than 500 or so votes.

The Rock Stars of Curry

Jennifer Farneth
Guest Writer

In the ten floors of Longwood's all freshman dormitory live the Curry Rock Stars.

These nine RAs (Resident Assistants) and one REC (Residence Education Coordinator) live and walk the floors of this building keeping it safe from drugs and alcohol while being advisors and friends to the residents when needed.

This all freshman dormitory is home to over 400 students fresh out of high school.

"What many residents don't realize is that we are normal students just like them," quotes Bass.

The RAs go to their classes and jobs, and out with friends on weekends but what separates the RAs from every other student is that they have a bigger responsibility.

Freshmen are thrown into a new environment and are expected to make new friends and get involved in campus programs, thus RAs must be ready to take on challenges and hardships from

all of these new students.

They deal with everything from homesickness to drunken rages.

"We have our own unique problems," says REC Michelle Hosey, "Yet I wouldn't trade working with first years for the world."

Hosey has a great staff this year. This is Hosey's second year as an REC, and while she enjoys her job, she states that the difficult parts are seeing residents make wrong decisions and only being able to advise these young adults about their own decisions and how to learn from them.

Hosey and her RAs should be commended for their patience and quick thinking.

When faced with a drug or alcohol situation these RAs stay calm.

Their job is not just to protect the students, but also to build a sense of community on their individual halls.

These Rock Stars are the protectors of the halls and the friends that the students go to for comfort and advice.

The Silent Heroes in Prince Edward County

Jennifer Farneth
Guest Writer

Outside the boundaries of Longwood University are those that save lives every day.

The Prince Edward Volunteer Rescue Squad is on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The forty-member squad is split into eight different five-member crews, many of which include Longwood students who volunteer with this organization.

"It's really great to see college kids getting out and helping their community," says EMT Ben Sears.

Every squad member goes through EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) Basic and be certified. In Basic, the lowest level of training.

In order to take the EMT Basic the candidate must have their CPR certification, offered at most Rescue Squads as well as at the YMCA and the Red Cross.

Once certified, these men and women can begin to treat patients as well as administer a

certain variety of drugs in the field.

The squad may receive help from the Meherrin Vol. Rescue Squad and the Hampden-Sydney First Responders, though they must mostly depend on their own crews to provide emergency services to Prince Edward County.

After responding to a call, the Rescue Squad takes victims in need of medical care to the emergency room.

Patients that have been involved in an accident or that have called the rescue squad don't necessarily have to go to the ER, though they are required to sign a waiver, stating that they have been offered medical attention and understand the risks by refusing care.

When there are no calls, the squad cats, sleeps, and studies in the squad house.

There are bunk rooms, a lounge, a conference room, and a kitchen where they can make themselves at home until the

next call is dispatched.

"We are just like a big family and have lots of fun when we're not working," Sears says, "but we know when it's time to get down to business."

The Rescue Squad responds to any and all calls with known or unknown injuries with their four ambulances, crash truck, and advanced life support suburban.

These men and women respond to vehicle accidents and calls for assistance anytime of the day or night.

Many accidents or incidents are reported in local newspapers with very little praise for those silent heroes who have saved the lives of thousands.

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Still On Top

Bobbi Thiho
Asst. Editor

Cold Mountain, based on Charles Frazier's best-selling novel, is still a major contributor to box office sales. After viewing this film, it's easy to understand why *Cold Mountain* is still in the running for top ten movies in America almost five weeks after being released.

The film is based on the story of a wounded confederate soldier, Inman (Jude Law), who is trying to make his way home to his sweetheart Ada (Nicole Kidman) who is dealing with her own struggles of surviving in the midst of war. Despite the occasional slow sequences, each scene was very well done. The acting and the portrayal of the characters were honest and touching and helped in bringing the scenes



to life.

Although staying within the romantic realm, this well-written script also gave an insightful and true portrayal of the Civil War and the human struggles of survival and faith through trying times.

Renee Zellweger's shining performance left the audience entertained. Her portrayal of a stong-willed southern woman was enchanting, and she pulled off an accent and character we rarely associate with her "typical" roles.

The excellent storyline, well-developed scenes, and amazing cast make this movie well worth the \$8.00 ticket.

Pharmacist Denies Morning-After Pill Controversy soars between morals and rights

U-Wire

Pharmacists can't deny the morning-after pill to rape victims, yet an Eckerd pharmacist did this very thing for the sole purpose of advancing his personal moral beliefs.

Protesters wielded signs with slogans including "Got raped? Eckerd doesn't care," in reaction to a Denton pharmacist's decision not to fill a prescription for the RU486 morning-after pill.

The woman he denied the pill was seeking emergency birth control after the ordeal of being raped.

The pharmacist defended his decision by saying that "this medicine is designed to end life and I can not abide by that," as an unnamed friend of the victim told KLTV.com. However, the pharmacist succeeded at embarrassing and heaping judgment upon someone who had just experienced the emotional and physical trauma of rape, and a person with

any shred of morality, sensitivity or compassion should not be able to abide by that.

"A rapist breaches somebody's rights, and on top of that, we don't need rape survivors to have their rights breached again. You can't be neutral on this," Jaron Benjamin, coordinator of the Men Against Violence group at the University of North Texas, told the North Texas Daily.

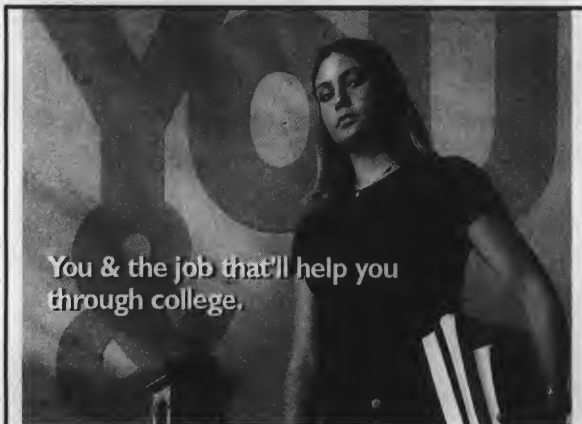
"Regardless of whether the woman seeking the prescription was a rape victim, the pharmacist should not have made such a decision based on his own moral convictions, which are inconsistent with company policy," according to Joan Gallagher, vice president of communications for Eckerd Corp.

Furthermore, what he did was illegal. "The law does not say that the pharmacy can decline because of moral ground," Gay Dodson, executive director to the Texas State Board of Pharmacy, told The Associated Press.

"If they have a moral problem, it is their option not to stock the product,"

Tyler pharmacist Mark Sullivan told KLTV.com about the role of ethics in pharmacy practices. To stock the drug - and then decline filling a customer's prescription for it - is not only bad business practice, but also a horrendous customer service policy and has the potential to be psychologically damaging, especially to a woman trying to cope with the mental and physical effects of rape.

The most alarming thing about this incident continues to be the lack of sympathy shown to the rape victim. Understandably, she probably did not come in and announce that she needed the medication because she had been raped. As the pharmacist was likely to be unaware of her situation, he should never have presumed in a fit of rash self-righteousness to be a person of superior moral authority.



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"Drop" to February Not in Good Taste

Jenn Dize
Features Editor

In last week's "props and drops" section, you may have noticed a drop dedicated to February, "the worst month in the whole year."

I recieved an email asking for the reasoning behind this drop.

The sender wanted to know if it was because February contains Valentine's Day, Black History Month, or some other reason.

Since I was responsible for adding that drop, my personal explanation follows:

First of all, thank you for voicing your concern.

I'm glad to see you didn't just get upset and not do anything about it.

Props and Drops is usually a section dedicated to sincere thanks or sincere dislike.

It is also usually a light-hearted section with occasional serious thoughts.

Sometimes there are inside jokes, and sometimes there are campus-wide issues adressed.

For the most part, in all hon-

esty, we are trying to fill the little box.

With my drop to February, I did not intend to offend anyone, and was not even thinking about Valentine's Day or Black History month.

Indeed, it was more of a personal drop.

February has been, as far back as I can remember, a bad month for personal issues for myself and most of my friends.

It seems to contain many breakups, fights, depressive episodes, etc.

I've talked with friends, and for the most part they concur.

Especially as the month continues and they see my point in their own lives.

That's not even mentioning the dark, rainy/snowy days that seem to drag on forever.

For the last several weeks I had been (semi-jokingly) spouting off my theory that February is the cause of all of these bad things.

This year, so far, at least 2 close friends have broken up

with their significant others, 2 have entered therapy, too many to count have had a series of bad days or weeks, and I was trying to acknowledge their problems in a light-hearted manner.

The drop was also intended as a nod to the Dar Williams song, *February*. The lyrics go:

I threw your keys in the water, I looked back, they'd frozen halfway down in the ice. They froze up so quickly, the keys and their owners, Even after the anger, it all turned silent, and the every-day turned solitary, so we came to February.

...The nights were long and cold and scary,

...Can we live through February?

This feeling is what I was referring in the drop, and I had absolutely no intention of insulting Black History Month or even Valentine's Day.

I sincerely apologize if it came across that way.

If, in the future, anyone would like to contribute to Props and Drops, please send your suggestions to rotunda@longwood.edu.

We'd be glad to hear from you!



Nicole Ford
Rollingwood Intern

This *One and Magic Life* is a spiritual and mystical novel that carries us to the country roads of Mobile Bay, Alabama where we meet the Sullivan family.

In the beginning of the novel, we are brought face to face with the death of Artie Sullivan, a widowed, eccentric artist.

Anna Carroll George's lyrical, yet colloquial style allows us to experience a variety of emotions with the Sullivan family.

We mourn with Donnie Sullivan as he attempts to cope with the death of his twin, Artie.

We also laugh hysterically at

One and Magic Life A Spiritual and Mystic Read

the idea of a seven-foot alligator, named Big Ben, that causes a traffic jam by falling asleep in the middle of the road.

George's writing brings us home where we can cope with loss and be comforted with family.

She takes us into the Sullivan homes, into their bedrooms, into their secret places.

We sympathize with the Sullivan family and we feel their joy when they are finally able to come together and deal with the situation at hand.

George's novel reiterates the principle that life should be lived to its fullest, always.

It shows us that every individual possesses magic, and it teaches us that only through living and experiencing, individuals can truly embrace that magic.

Women Have Valentine's; Men Should Get Video Game and Beer Day

U-Wire

Valentine's Day is the single greatest coup in the history of greeting cards.

Hallmark has somehow convinced every girl in the United States that her husband, boyfriend, and pool boy must buy her chocolate, flowers, a teddy bear, more chocolate and an overpriced, sappy card.

Sure, we guys have a few tricks up our sleeves: grabbing the first card we see and then making up some sappy symbolism crap to make it seem like we hunted for hours, or repackaging that teddy bear we got from last year's girlfriend.

But these tricks save us very lit-

tle time or money, as we have yet to find a way to re-give flowers or half-eaten boxes of chocolate.

Because girls understand us even less than we understand them, they give their special guy some dopey heart candies, a card, and call it a day.

Guys are getting the shaft with this deal, and something has to change.

I propose the founding of a new holiday, called Video Game and Beer Day, in which every guy is given a video game of his choosing and a six-pack of beer.

The day would not be filled with dining in romantic candlelit settings, sharing desserts or cuddling. Instead, the day would consist solely of playing video games,

drinking and napping. This would effectively make it the greatest day of every guy's life.

But how would the girl be involved in all of this? Simple: She finally has to take part in the activities that men enjoy.

Men have been forced to watch "Dawson's Creek" and "Felicity" for years -- it is time we get something back (a lot back, because those shows blow).

Girls would finally be forced to learn how to produce those elusive blue sparks in Mario Kart, how to sidestep in Halo, and how to power slide in the latest Gran Turismo edition.

Once initiated into the club, girls around the nation would surely latch onto video games like

the typical male. It would be a gift that keeps on giving.

The effect of VGB Day would be so great, that the next time she says: "Do you want to hang out right now?" the guy would follow with: "Honey, I'd love to, but I'm in the middle of a level."

"Enough said," she would say with a newfound understanding of the importance of video games to the human persona. "I'll just play a few games of Madden until you beat it."

The mere idea of this becoming a reality is so beautiful that every guy reading this just wet himself.

The next portion of the day would be dedicated to introducing our special ladies to the idea of enjoying a good beer.

Sure, the average female's taste buds have been scarred by way too many wine coolers, but with enough persistence and hard work, anyone could be brought back to the light side of the force.

Teaching girls the art of napping may be the most difficult

aspect of the entire day.

In general, girls associate napping with lying in bed, watching daytime TV and nibbling on some sort of candy (usually chocolate). But where is the sleeping, usually considered the point of a so-called "nap?" To assure a proper nap, we must re-teach napping as a whole.

As any guy knows, napping has the highest chance of occurrence on a couch.

The television channel must be changed as well, from soaps and talk shows to sports and cheesy action movies, while snacks must be limited to chips or French fries.

Chocolate must, without exception, be excluded from naptime entirely. That's right, no chocolate.

Clearly, VGB Day would not only bring equilibrium to the current holiday mix, but would better every single female's life privileged enough to experience it.

And really, it would be selfish for the men of the United States to not coerce their girlfriends into celebrating it with them.

Calendar

February 13 - 19, 2004

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Movie- Love
Actually, 7:30pm in
Lankford ABC rooms

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Caffeine Diary"
1-3 p.m.
WMLU 91.3 fm

Tuesday
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S.A.F.E. Meetings at
4:30 in the Student
Union

Listen to "Alterna-
Head" tunes
10-12 a.m.
WMLU 91.3 fm

Saturday
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Got the Blues? KJ
James & The Reggie
Wayne Morris Trio,
8pm in Lancer Café

Listen for "The
Goldenfish Show"
10-12 a.m.
WMLU 91.3 fm

Wednesday
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Come edit pages for
The Rotunda in your
copious free time!

Tune in to "Midnight in
the Garden of Good
and Evil"
12-2 a.m.
WMLU 91.3 fm

Sunday
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WMLU Meeting
9:00 p.m.
Hiner 2nd floor
Auditorium

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Unity Alliance
8:00 p.m., Grainger
G18

Mardi Gras Casino
Night, 7-10pm in
Lankford ABC room

Monday
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Want to join The
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HOROSCOPES

by Sam Wise-Ridges

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan 19)

Is it just me or are you alluding to drug use in your away messages?

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Valentines Day can suck, especially when you wake up alone, in a gutter.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

Fish-sticks and spaghetti aren't a romantic meal

Aries (Mar. 21-April 19)

When cupid takes aim, duck.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Cut the bull, no one likes those chalky candy hearts anyway.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You are the best greatest of all the signs.
Everyone should love you.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Your roommate loves you, Happy Valentines Day!

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Your Valentines gift is red, but it is also itchy.
Welcome to the world of crabs.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22)

This Valentines is the time to drop that sign and pick up a new one at the local bar.

Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22)

Don't worry about your dinner-for-one this Valentines Day, you ordered enough drinks for three.

Scorpio (Oct. 23.-Nov. 21)

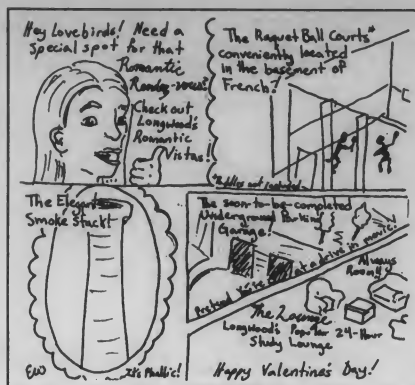
Those stinging comments are going to leave you with a night of self-gratification

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

It's not my fault you'll be spending the rest of your life alone.

Tongue in Cheek

by Ellie Woodruff



Foot in Mouth

by Ellie Woodruff



The spectrum of interest in Longwood student protests

Cassette Tapes Still Cool

U-Wire

Last month, a self-proclaimed music snob -- I'll call him Ewan -- mocked me when I offered to expand his musical horizons by making a mix tape for him. "What is this, 1991?" he chided.

Later, an acquaintance ridiculed the mix tape in my car. Apparently, when real music fans were in grade school, they never lunged for the record button on their radios during nightly count-downs. Real music fans have always had CD burners at their disposal.

Sure, there's the whole sound quality issue, but the sound on a carefully made mix tape is almost as good as the source from which the music was recorded.

Plus, what tapes lack in sound quality, they make up for in durability.

The structure of tapes is more fun and convenient than that of CDs. When I gave Ewan his new tape, he put it in his pocket -- not so easy to do with a CD.

I bet MacGuyver could get out of countless predicaments with

tapes. He could use them to wedge doors open. He could take one apart and use the ribbon as a rope or whip. All he could do with a CD is use it to slice off his enemy's limb, or maybe pick a lock.

A tape's shape is also perfect for exercising. Serious runners look down their noses at Walkman joggers, but for those of us who sometimes run merely for an excuse to get outside and listen to music, Walkmans and perfect mix tapes are necessities. With them, the music doesn't skip with every bounce, and they are much easier to carry than those tire-sized CD players.

But when a well-intentioned music fan of the future offers to put together some kind of MP3 compilation, and a music snob asks, "What is this, 2004? Couldn't you make an MP330?" I want to be the cool old lady down the street who not only inherited all those records from the mid-twentieth century, but who has the most incredible collection of vintage tapes in town.

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She has also observed that since this is the first time you are away from your parents' ideals, your own ideals change as well and many people "come out".

How are you going to confront your fiancé and explain to him that now you are into girls?

Surely that will be an interesting conversation.

Next I asked a guy to see if his opinion differed from a females and he said, "I think college relationships are great.

I always have someone to talk to and share ideas and thoughts with.

My girlfriend cheers me up when I am down and I think that helps a lot... on engagements I have no idea."

I wanted another male perspective so I asked one of my somewhat disgruntled friends who said, "I personally feel like I am too young to deal with all of the emotions and stuff that come along with long term relationships.

If you're in love and you don't have a problem dealing with them, that's a different story.

I just think that I'm too young to be getting tied down."

My research has reached the general consensus that marriage at a young age is not the answer.

I do know that there are many people who disagree with this, since they are getting married.

I suppose I chose friends that have the same general views as myself.

Perhaps that is why there is an anti-engagement theme surfacing, at any rate do not let this discourage your decisions.

You should seriously think about a decision that will affect the rest of your life.

Don't make the decision just fill another place in the divorce statistic.

Being engaged to someone does not necessarily mean that you love him or her more, but rather you want to take a huge step in your life and take on many, many more responsibilities.

Just make sure you do not wake up one day in the winter of your life and realize that you have nothing to call your own and no endeavors to cherish.

Ask TK

The Only Honest Opinion

Welcome to the first installment of Ask TK.

I'm here to answer any questions you might have to the best of my abilities.

If you're having problems with your significant other, stressed out, or want to know what my favorite food is, I doubt anyone will, simply e-mail tskeith@longwood.edu

My only promise to you is this: I will be one hundred percent honest. See the sub-title? It's true.

Now, on to the mail bag.

Dear TK,

I don't know what it is about the past couple of weeks since I've been back from break, but things just haven't been going right for me.

I am low on cash, stressed out by my school-work, and my longtime boyfriend, my cheerleader and confidant, has been having problems as well.

Normally we fall back upon one another for help, but when this weekend came, we ended up having one of the worst fights ever. I want to go home! HELP!!!

*Signed,
Weeping in Wheelers*

Dear Walking,

If you think you're the only one who's short on cash, or stressed out about school, think again.

You sound like you're overwhelmed, perhaps you are doing too much.

Try to save some time for de-stressing.

Take a nap or a walk when the sun's going down.

While I'm not sure I would want a girl calling me her, "cheerleader," he at least sounds like he used to be a nice guy.

Yes, many couples argue, and no, that's not good.

If you think that the path you are taking in life is straying from his, then you need to seriously re-evaluate your relationship with him.

Just because you have been

with someone for "years" is no reason to stay when things go wrong.

Thinking you owe the other person something is the wrong way to go.

Maybe they were the first one to give you a chance, maybe they stuck with you when you were dealing with tough issues, but that is still not enough for you to stay in a bad relationship.

The point is, you sound like a nice girl, and nice girls deserve more than douche bags.

Look around you. If you can't find a decent guy who will treat you right, then you're not looking hard enough.

-TK

Dear TK,

Basically, I like this guy, Todd, and he doesn't like me. He just recently got out of a long relationship, and he tells me that he is having problems getting close to people.

Todd says that he really likes me, and cares a lot about me, but he just doesn't feel like he can get close.

We hang out on the weekends, and talk on the phone a few times a week. When we spend time together, we have a lot of fun together and I really like him.

He's such a great guy, Todd makes me laugh and feel good about myself. I feel like he understands me. What should I do about this?

*Signed,
Confused about Love in Farmville*

Dear Confused,

It sounds to me like you have a classic "hung up on this guy" syndrome.

Let's talk about Todd first. Todd is hurt from his last girlfriend.

He doesn't want you, or anyone else to hurt him.

Todd probably knows that you like him. I'm sure he does.

It quite easy for Todd to see you as a friend, or more than a

friend, and still keep the idea that he won't get close to you, so you won't hurt him.

My guess is that you are trying to show Todd you like him.

You laugh at his stupid jokes, or flirt shamelessly.

Maybe you've put some moves on Todd, and he accepted you're advances.

The bottom line is, if you're not in a relationship with Todd, then he feels no devotion to you.

His old girlfriend could come out of nowhere and apologize, they could be back together within a week.

Todd would completely forget about you.

If things have been this way for a few weeks, then it is more than likely things will stay the way they are.

I suggest that you tell Todd, that you are interested in him, and if he isn't ready for a relationship, then you will turn your attention elsewhere.

There is no logic in wasting your time on someone who won't give you what you need.

-TK

Dear TK,

I like to tell jokes and crack on my friends. The problem is, they think that it's getting really old, and sometimes they don't appreciate my "punks".

I'm not trying to be hurtful, but it just seems to happen. Do my friends need thicker skins or should I slack off?

And if I'm in the wrong, what can I do that won't irritate them? Joking around is a big part of who I am, what can I do?

*Signed,
Joking Julie*

Dear Julie,

I believe that I can answer your question rather quickly. Stop pissing off your freinds.

If joking around is part of you, then there is a part of you that is irritating everyone.

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Longwood Baseball Looks Toward a Promising Season

Longwood University will embark upon its 26th collegiate baseball season in 2004 -- all 26 years under the direction of veteran head coach Charles "Buddy" Bolding. Coach Bolding has led the Lancer program to an outstanding overall record of 691-315-3 (.686%), including 25-straight winning seasons and six NCAA Division II Tournament appearances while reaching two Division II World Series'.

A year ago, however, Longwood finished an uncharacteristic 23-19 overall, and this year's team will look to dramatically improve the success on the field.

Coach Bolding will be assisted this season by energetic first-year assistant coach Rick Blanc who is responsible for the pitching staff.

Longwood returns five position starters among six returning position players from a squad that attained its 23rd consecutive 20-win season in 2003.

The Lancers also return one starting pitcher among six return-

ing pitchers from last year.

Longwood has added its usual talented mix of newcomers -- seven freshmen along with a Division I transfer -- to the roster, a squad that will play this season as a Division II independent.

The Lancers are currently in the first-year of their four-year reclassification transition toward Division I certification.

Longwood must begin meeting Division I scheduling requirements with the 2005 campaign.

"Our principle objective for 2004 is to prepare for the demanding Division I schedules of the future," said Bolding.

"We have the knowledge and conviction that we will grow into a successful Division I program, just as we already have done in Division II."

The outfield will feature the veteran leadership of senior starters

Louis Shackelford/Newport News (Denbigh) (.347, 6 HR, 32 RBI) in left field, and Brian

Medley/Halifax (Halifax Co.) (.349, 9 HR, 31 RBI) in right field; along with junior starter Brett Mooney/Virginia Beach (Salem) (.331, 4 HR, 27 RBI) in center field. Mooney is also serving as the team's lead captain this season, while Shackelford is a team captain as well.

"I expect these three guys to lead a resurgence of offensive dominance," explained Bolding.

"Each has the talent and experience to post the kind of stats expected of them."

In the infield, Longwood will open the season with returning junior starters Chris Balus/Newport News (Denbigh) (.351, 4 HR, 29 RBI, 10-11 SB) at shortstop, and Robert Gillis/Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada (.313, 2 HR, 29 RBI) at third base. On the right side, the Lancers begin with freshmen Charlie Yarbrough/Richmond (Mills Godwin), 6-6, 265-pounds, at first base, and Zach Zigrang/Virginia Beach (Kempville) at second base.

Senior team captain Evan Weinstein/Toronto, Ontario, Canada (W.L. MacKenzie) (5-4, 4.86 ERA, 66.2 IP, 25 K) will anchor the starting pitching rotation.

A Verizon Academic All-American in 2003, Weinstein will be joined in the rotation to begin the year by sophomores John Hines/Smithfield (Smithfield) and Mike Brown/Courtland (Southampton) (3-0, 4.50 ERA, 20.0 IP, 24 K), along with freshman Alan Moore/Richmond (Monacan).

Hines was 3-5 with a 6.29 ERA and 38 strikeouts over 48.2 innings at Division I Norfolk State a year ago.

"Evan will lead the way for us," said Bolding. "The pitching staff will be young, but talented, as we look to get significant production from our sophomores and freshmen."

The bullpen features Balus and Zigrang, along with juniors Guillermo Gonzalez/Hampton (Bethel) (1-1, 4.41 ERA, 16.1 IP,

11 K) and Darin Knically/Elkton (Spotswood) (1-2, 6.23 ERA, 26.0 IP, 23 K), sophomore Mike Williams/Hampton (Kecoughtan) (2-1, 4.50 ERA, 10.0 IP, 20 K), as well as freshman Brian McCullough/Virginia Beach (Princess Anne).

This year's starting catcher will be freshman Tyler Childress/Montclair (Forest Park), backed-up by classmate Matt Fitzgerald/Fairfax Station (Hayfield).

The starting designated hitter will be sophomore Danny McCraw/Pamplin (Randolph-Henry), with freshmen Hunter Williams/Richmond (Varina) and Tyler Ames/Exmore (Northampton) in reserve. McCraw (second base), Williams (shortstop), and Ames (right field) will each see time in the field as well, along with freshman Nathan Martin/Chesterfield (Manchester) (third base).

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Men's Basketball Currently 3-18

Sports Information

Longwood University lost two home games last week, falling 82-62 to Virginia Union University Feb. 5.

The Lancers are now 3-18 this season and will play at NCAA Division I Big South Conference member Radford University Feb. 11 at 7 p.m.

Longwood returns home to host Southern Virginia University Feb. 14.

Against Virginia Union (15-4), freshman Husein Pistoljevic/Richland, Wash. (Hanford) tied a school-record with nine three-point field goals, a new Lancer Hall-record, for a career-high 27 points but it was not enough as the Panthers talent and depth proved too much for the Lancers.

Longwood led early at 13-10 on Pistoljevic's second three-pointer to open the contest. Virginia Union scored 10-straight points to lead 20-10 at 12:13, getting six points from

Arthur Kidd.

Pistoljevic's third and fourth treys brought the team to within 24-19 at 10:26 of the first half before the Panthers extended the advantage to 44-31 at halftime as Kidd scored 15 first-half points.

Pistoljevic finished with 18 points by the intermission, hitting 6-10 three-pointers. Longwood battled tough to begin the second half, trimming the lead to 57-50 with 12:08 remaining on a basket from senior Ryan Earl/Tustin, Calif. (Tustin). Pistoljevic nailed three more treys during the first 7:52 of the period to set a new facility-record for three-pointers, and tie the school-record for treys.

The Lancers were within 67-56 at 6:39 before Virginia Union took advantage of a 14-1 run to lead 81-57 with just 2:56 left to secure the road win.

Pistoljevic finished the game 9-16 on three-pointers for his game- and career-high 27 points to lead the Lancers.

Freshman

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Sumter/Alexandria (T.C. Williams) added 10 points and six rebounds, senior Nathan Fortener/Hartford, Ky. (Ohio Co.) contributed six points and 10 rebounds, and freshman Michael Jefferson/Chesterfield (Meadowbrook) added nine points, six rebounds, and six assists.

Earl had five points, six rebounds, and six assists. Longwood shot 36% (20-56) from the field, 45% (13-29) on three-pointers, and 50% (9-18) at the free throw line. Kidd was 8-13 from the floor (4-8 3FG) en route to 21 points for the Panthers. Brown added 16 points and seven rebounds; Lugman Jaaber had 14 points, six assists, and six steals; while Darius Hargrove contributed eight points, 11 rebounds, and six steals. Virginia Union shot 42% (31-74) from the field, 32% (7-22) on three-pointers, and 68% (13-19) at the line.

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Cal Ripken Jr. Speaks at UVA

U-Wire

Baseball great Cal Ripken Jr. spoke to more than 600 baseball fans in Memorial Gymnasium on Tuesday night, sharing anecdotes from his childhood and baseball career before taking audience questions for more than 20 minutes.

Ripken, who holds Major League Baseball's records for consecutive games played and home runs by a shortstop, was joined by his younger brother, former major league second baseman Billy Ripken, as the featured guest at University of Virginia baseball's 2004 Step Up to the Plate! event.

"We're trying to help out baseball on all levels," Ripken said on his decision to come to Charlottesville, Va. "It was a big factor that I knew about the university, knew about its reputation."

Tickets for The Step Up to the Plate! event, the baseball team's annual fundraiser, were \$75. The event also featured silent and live auctions that included Virginia athletics memorabilia, an autographed Cal Ripken Jr. jersey and a baseball signed by Hall of Famers Willie Mays, Duke Snyder

and Mickey Mantle. The auction items were donated by "friends and appreciators" of the Virginia baseball program, according to co-event coordinators Kelly Rothwell and Marilyn Wright.

Virginia Athletic Director Craig Littlepage donned a Cavalier baseball cap while presenting new head coach Brian O'Connor to the audience. After brief remarks, O'Connor introduced Ripken to a standing ovation. Many fans sported Orioles regalia in honor of Ripken's 21 years with the Baltimore organization.

Ripken got a taste of the college baseball experience yesterday afternoon when he met with the Cavalier squad at Davenport Field after receiving a tour of the facility.

Ripken stressed the offensive aspect of college baseball, as well as the enthusiasm and school spirit of the student-athletes.

"When you're drafted in the minor leagues, you have kids with dreams," Ripken said. "The dreams seem to be a little more intense in college because you're playing for the school and you're

Longwood will open the season February 14 on the road at Division I James Madison University, playing a doubleheader in Harrisonburg beginning at 12 p.m., before the two teams return to Farmville for a single game the next day (Feb. 15) at Lancer Stadium starting at 1:30

Pistoljevic, but a trio of three-pointers from Rico Walters propelled Apprentice back ahead 67-45 at 9:20. The hosts could get no closer than 15 points down the stretch.

Jefferson's team-high 17 points led the Lancers, while Pistoljevic added 15 points, including three treys.

Sumter finished with 14 points and five rebounds, while Fortener contributed 13 points. Longwood shot 39% (26-67) from the field, 32% (7-22) on three-pointers, and 70% (7-10) at the free throw line.

Walters was 8-11 from the floor (5-7 3FG) en route to 21 points, adding five assists for the Builders.

Tevon Raikes added 16 points



also playing to better your position to have a chance to be drafted someday, or you're just playing for the love of the game."

Ripken and his brother entertained the audience at the event with stories of boxing in the bedroom they shared as children and playing backyard baseball with their father, major league player and manager Cal Ripken, Sr. The two ballplayers also offered advice to young athletes, but disagreed on the durability of Cal Ripken's major league record of 2,632 consecutive games played.

Ripken, who retired after the 2001 season, said he came to the event because he is "trying to help out baseball on all levels." The All-Star shortstop never got the chance to play college baseball, getting drafted by the Baltimore Orioles right out of high school in 1978.

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"The emphasis now is to prepare the University, its fans, coaches, and student-athletes for Division I," added Bolding. "It will be a daunting challenge, but we are optimistic about the move and the future of Longwood baseball."

and seven rebounds, Terrence Patrick had 12 points and nine rebounds, while Maze Toomer and Reggie Proctor each contributed 11 points.

Toomer also grabbed nine rebounds along with five assists, and Proctor had seven rebounds. Apprentice School shot 56% (33-59) from the field, 71% (10-14) on three-pointers, and 78% (7-9) at the line.

All remaining Longwood University men's basketball games are available locally on WBBC Radio, Bobcat Country 93.5 out of Blackstone. The broadcasts are also available worldwide on the Internet at longwoodlancers.com via TEAMLINE and TRZ Sports Services.All

Women's Basketball Now 13-8

Sports Information

Longwood went unbeaten last week, defeating the Apprentice School, 91-40, Feb. 2 in Lancer Hall, before upending Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.), 74-71, at the buzzer Feb. 4 in North Carolina.

The Lancers are now 13-8 on the season and will return to action Tuesday, Feb. 10 as they travel to Lawrenceville to take on St. Paul's - tip-off is set for 5:30 p.m.

Longwood won the earlier previous match up this season, defeating the Lady Tigers, 90-53, Dec. 3 in Lancer Hall.

Against the Apprentice School, Longwood trailed 13-8 at the 13:41 mark in the first stanza before the Lancers scored 23 unanswered points to lead 31-13 with 6:07 remaining before the break.

Longwood continued to extend its advantage, entering the intermission with a sizable 48-24 lead.

At the start of the second half the Lancers picked up where

they left off, outscoring the Builders 43-16 to close out the contest with their largest margin of victory (51 points) this season.

Meldere led Longwood with her 11th double-double of the season of a game-best 25 points (11-19) and 14 boards, she also added a career-high eight steals and four assists, while four other Lancers aided the offensive effort with their own double-digit scoring.

Freshman Rebecca Charles/So. Charleston, W.Va. (So. Charleston) scored a career-high 14 points on 6-for-7 shooting, while sophomore Ashley Mason/Virginia Beach (Princess Anne) posted 13 points, adding nine rebounds and tying her career-high five steals.

Twin Amber Mason/Virginia Beach (Princess Anne) tied her own career-best of ten rebounds, contributing seven points and freshman Ashleigh Hollman/Centreville (Westfield) netted 12 points, shooting 57 percent (4-7) from three-point territory.

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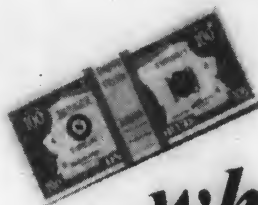
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Handicap Ramp Parking Becomes Habit

When Longwood vehicles, such as this Aramark truck, have been parking on sidewalk ramps. Shane Gough, one of Longwood's disabled students, went to Chief Lowe and Susan Rood with this and other problems. Chief Lowe is on the case, and is going to help out with the problem of vehicle use of the access ramps. "This should not be a convenience ramp," Gough emphasizes.

Enforced State Fire Code Poses Blank Threat

Brette Lawrence
Staff Writer

In accordance with the new Virginia State fire codes, Longwood University has begun to enforce new rules around campus.

Among these new guidelines are criteria for draperies around windows and doors, and information about wall and hallway decorations in the dorm buildings.

The Office of Environmental Health and Safety is in charge of overseeing that the university complies with all of the new regulations that have been established.

The specific instructions included such things as making sure that all curtains, tapestries, and drapes hanging from dorm wall or ceilings be either flame resistant or noncombustible.

Additionally, all curtains, drapes and tapestries must have a tag attached to them stating that they are indeed flame resistant.

If these items do not have this tag attached they will not be

considered to be flame resistant, whether they are or not.

If this is the case, then students will be required to take them down. Other guidelines specify how much decorative material can be hung on dorm wall space.

This would encompass things like pictures, posters, and calendars as well as other things.

The new law states, "Decorative materials shall not exceed 10 percent of the aggregate area of walls and ceilings."

This does not seem like a lot of space that can be used for hanging; however Longwood University already prohibits hanging anything from the ceilings, which allows students to be able to cover more of the wall space than they would be able to if there were things on the ceiling.

The third change concerned hallway and door decorations. No decorations are allowed to be placed anywhere in the hallways of dorm buildings, except on the specific areas designed for posting material.

Students had to remove all

decorations from their doors, with the exception of wipe boards and one nametag per occupant.

Postings inside the stairwells and the doors leading to them were also banned.

All of the decorations that were put up for students who had been accepted to Fraternities and Sororities had to be taken down as a result of this rule.

The university will not be strictly enforcing the rules about having only 10% of the dorm wall space covered until the 2004-2005 school year; however, the hallway decoration changes have been put into effect already.

Many students around the campus were very upset about the changes that had to take place.

Some felt that the adornments they had on their door reflected themselves, and gave them a unique way of identifying their room.

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Housing Issues Stem from Larger Budget Problems *Tuition increase proposed as a remedy*

Kristen Casalenuovo
Staff Writer

There has been a lot of buzz around campus lately regarding the Housing policy.

A topic of equal importance is the discussion of raising tuition again effective next semester.

While it is easy to point the finger at the administration and blame them for the fallacies of campus life, we as students need to ask ourselves what we can do to resolve these issues.

The answer to that question can be summed up in one simple word; vote!

Housing, as all students should well know, denied over 100 rising juniors the right to move off-campus next year.

As a result, students retaliated.

A large group of students met behind the Student Union to protest, then decided that a better action would be to march to Lancaster and demand some answers from President Cormier herself.

The President, along with Vice President of Student Affairs Tim Pierson, and the SGA President Alicia Moody addressed the crowd in a civilized and respectful manner.

This may seem like a statement only an administrative brown-nose could make, but no one who was at that protest can deny that Dr. Cormier remained calm amidst the large crowd of outraged students, answering questions that were sometimes rude or spiteful.

What the Housing issue really boils down to is that it is an auxiliary office of this University.

That is, it has to make all of the money it needs on its own. All Room and Board fees are used by Housing for the maintenance of dorms and other finances that specifically relate to Housing.

The construction of a new residential building will begin soon and after its completion, the Cunninghams will be torn down.

There are 2,500 beds that need to be filled on campus in order for Housing to meet its budget.

Right now, the total freshman class still hasn't been accounted for, so more students will be allowed to move off campus as those numbers come in.

That is the deal with Housing, no more, no less.

There is not a whole lot students can do but bear with it.

Another issue that is of high importance right now is the tuition and fees increase planned to go into effect next semester.

The administration has already decided to raise Room by two percent, Board by 2.7 percent, the Comprehensive fee by ten percent, and finally tuition will increase anywhere from four to nine percent.

In perspective, these numbers mean an overall nine to twelve percent increase, which breaks down as 500 to 650 dollars we will have to pay next year.

This may not seem like much, but consider the fact that tuition and fees have been increased almost thirty percent within the past two years alone.

Why is this happening? Is the administration just getting greedy? Is Dr. Cormier using University funds to pay for a private island in the Pacific?

Well, the real answer is not quite so controversial.

Virginia is 15th in the nation for ability tax-wise to fund higher education, yet we are 46th (that's 46 out of 50 states) in how much we actually fund it.

Our tuition is being raised because Virginia does not provide base adequacy funding to state universities.

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Words From the Editor



No matter what stage I'm going through, one thing on my bedroom walls at home stays constant: a rainbow poster my grandma got me shortly after I was born. It talks about individuality, goals, and perseverance. The poster says more about my grandma than it does anyone else that comes to mind.

My grandma was born Anna Evanko on December 22, 1922, though she would drop the a somewhere in her childhood. She was number seven of what would be thirteen, nine of whom would survive infancy, eight of whom would become adults, five of whom still live today.

Her parents were Russian immigrants who settled in the

suburbs of Scranton, Pennsylvania, where, in those days, it was common for immigrants to form neighborhoods with those of the same ethnicity. Her stories of those days are both of heartbreak and of strength.

Even in the darkest days of the Depression, the Evanko house was filled with the laughter and the life that nine children will bring.

My grandma tells stories of vegetables from the garden and tattling on her younger brother for swimming in the reservoir (though his white blond hair gone green was a dead give away). She talks about having an eye for picking coal in the summertime, for being a trickster, for being a caretaker.

Even with the tears in her eyes as she tells about her

younger sister Irene, who died when she was eleven, I know she's thinking about the good times they shared. "She was the prettiest of all of us, you know," she and her other sisters always say. I never get tired of hearing those stories.

At nineteen, while the world was raging against itself and jobs were scarce, my grandma answered an unmarked newspaper ad for help wanted. She landed a job with the State Department in Washington, DC.

Alone, she left the only life she knew and moved down south to the big city (though, to this day, she will maintain her story of the lovely little town the Capital used to be).

The stories from those years include Eleanor Roosevelt walking down the street all by herself, the street cars that no longer run, watching President Roosevelt's funeral procession from her office window, and being a star in her duck pin bowling league.

Not too many years after moving to Washington, she was diagnosed with Rheumatoid Arthritis. Because of the disease, I have never seen her fully open her hand or move any faster than a steady walk. But also because of this, though, I have witnessed the amazing strength that a person can have. Not until she fell and cracked part of her spine this summer did I ever see her cry because of pain. Even then, she's never stopped going.

My grandma married my grandpa rather late in the game, a union that produced only my mom - giving birth to another child was too great a risk for her medical condition. But my mom being an only child meant that my sisters and I were her only grandchildren, a condition that proved just how much you can spoil three little girls.

The very first memory I have, one that I cherish more than any other, is of my grandma (Grammy as we call her). I'm standing in my crib, and she is teaching me the Sign of the Cross.

Growing up, my grandparents were my all. They watched Stacy and me while my parents worked; I remember dinners at their house, coming home in my grandpa's car, NPR talk programs while the sun settled into the traffic.

I remember little things like the

smell of the linen closet and being caught with the spray paint in their basement. I remember the crackers that were like Goldfish, only they were ducks. I remember throwing a piece of good China from the top of the stairs, so I could show Stacy how cool it was to watch something shatter.

Even in my most devious moments, she never stopped loving me.

There are gentle moments, too. I remember falling asleep on my parents' bed, the phone cradled in my shoulder, as my grandma read to me from Aesop's Fables or, my favorite, "The Boy and the North Wind" from *The Mother Goose Treasury*.

Even now I can depend on those late nights in the kitchen when her sisters are visiting or when we are up in Scranton. One in the morning over coffee and tea and all of the stories we could never forget. Playful sibling rivalry and the latest gossip.

My grandma also has to be one of the most giving people I've ever met. I remember grandparents' lunches in elementary school, a slightly unsuccessful venture, as most grandparents couldn't come on account of living too far away or being dead. But my grandma happily played Grammy for my entire lunch table.

She remembered my friends' names, their faces, and their families, for she also saw them at soccer games, swim/diver meets, dance recitals, chorus/band/orchestra concerts, and birthday parties.

In high school, my friends would find me and, grinning, say, "I sat next to your grandparents at church on Sunday!" or "I saw your grandpa in the mall! I just want to marry him!" Later that day, I'd get a call from my grandma, "Hilary's family sat with us in church this weekend." She never forgot.

When I bring friends home from college, she remembers them, too. She never fails to ask about my roommates, or how so-and-so's job has turned out. She asks to see copies of *The Rotunda*, and I know she'll genuinely enjoy reading it. She gets nervous every time I insist on driving alone to New Jersey, or when Stacy makes the trip back to Virginia Tech.

She's never failed to support anything Kara, Stacy, or I do; she's always an open ear to the books we've read, the movies we've seen, or the concerts we've gone to. Well, I take that back. She refuses to support my liking of Joan Baez. "I don't support Communists," she says. But I suppose that's close enough.

From my grandparents, I've learned the lesson of what a marriage should be. Though she worked until my mom was born, my grandma took upon a rather television version of life in the 1950s. While my grandpa has never been anything but kind, he's also been an old-fashioned kind of guy; my grandma took care of the house, and he took care of the income.

But even old men can change their ways. Now, he cleans the bathroom without being asked (though he somehow didn't get the memo that bleach needs to be diluted); he does the laundry; he's ready with a sweater and a hand to button it when my grandma gets a chill, and he's got her cup of tea ready when she's finished with dinner. Giving, taking, compromise, partnership. If only I could have a fraction of it.

So this weekend, I will go home and visit my grandma who is once again in the hospital. I will give her a copy of this paper; I will tell her that I signed the lease for a house for next year; I will tell her that I got a B+ on my paper for Dr. Cook. Even on bed rest, she will listen.

And then I will listen. And she will tell me about working behind a drug store counter; she will tell me about her parents; she will tell me about how my grandpa proposed to her on a park bench in DC. And for every moment I am with her, I will love her more than the moment before, and I will be more grateful than I have been for all the years of my life.

The last line of the poster she gave me says, "Now show us the colors of your rainbow." My grandma is that rainbow.

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Kentucky Fried Cruelty

Janet Jones
Staff Writer

Do you know what you are really eating?

For most people the answer is no.

It is even worse however that people do not know what is being done to their food.

For those of you who eat animals you probably do not take the time to learn what these poor animals are enduring.

Not only are they being killed so humans can eat them, but there are many instances where these animals are being tortured beforehand.

They are not even given the chance to enjoy the small time that they are allowed to live.

PETA has been making an effort to stop this type of behavior for years.

They know that they will never be able to convince everyone to stop eating meat, but they can try to improve the conditions for the animals on factory farms being raised for slaughter.

They have been successful in many cases and have gotten fast food restaurants to change their tactics and end animal cruelty,

except when they still kill the animals.

Since last April, PETA has been targeting Kentucky Fried Chicken after information and video clips were revealed to them.

PETA discovered that these chickens "are crammed by the tens of thousands into sheds that stink of ammonia fumes, from accumulated waste; they are given barely enough room to move (each bird lives in the amount of space equivalent to a standard sheet of paper).

They routinely suffer broken bones from being bred to be top heavy, from callous handling (workers roughly grab birds by their legs and stuff them into crates) and from being shackled upside down at slaughterhouses.

Chickens are often still fully conscious as their throats are cut or when they are dumped into tanks of scalding hot water to remove their feathers.

When they're killed, chickens are still babies, not yet two months old, out of a natural life span of 10-15 years."

The former president of Kentucky Fried Chicken, Cheryl Bachelder, resigned recently,

perhaps because her efforts deemed useless against this voracious company.

This however did not stop others from continuing the fight.

Kentucky Fried Chicken's sales are now down 6% because of demonstrations and the support shown by many people.

They recognize that the sadistic treatment and routine cruelty being forced upon these innocent animals is not necessary or ethical.

I know that writing an article that maybe half of our school will read will not convince you to stop eating meat, because some people care more about what you want to eat than animals dying, and that is fine.

I do not expect you to become a vegetarian because I think it is right.

I do however find it ridiculous that these poor birds are being subjected to this pain because we live in a capitalist country and corporations think it is more important to show an increase in their yearly income, rather than compassion.

The least you can do is protest eating at KFC until the conditions for their chickens improve: there are many other equally unhealthy fast food restaurants in Farmville.

There are other things on the website, www.KFCCruelty.com, that you can do to help end this persecution.

Merely informing others and writing letters to the new president of Kentucky Fried Chicken has already made an impact.

If you do not care about my views do it for the chickens, and if you do not particularly care about the chickens do it for our country. Mahatma Gandhi said, "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its' animals are treated."

If this statement is valid then our country is going to hell, and fast.

props and drops

Props:

- + To Stephanie's daddy for still picking up the tab after 26 years.
- + To 60-degree weather.
- + To San Francisco for letting gay marriages take place.
- + To Amy's 21st Birthday - one week from today.
- + To cute fish.

Drops:

- To static electricity.
- To all the damn mud.
- To sitting behind the Student Union and getting a huge wiff of crap.
- To Stephanie's car breaking down.
- To cell phones never working when you need them.
- To people who appear to have been sniffing glue.

Speak Out

Will you be staying at Longwood next semester?



Yeah, I'm coming back. I gotta get a degree!

~ Monica Boehling

Definitely NOT! They kicked me out!

~ Alissa Hill



If I didn't have my good friends here, I would transfer.

~ Jake Anderson

EFFE NO!

~ Kacy Lootens



Greek Life Provides More Than Paid Friendships

Raven Stanley
Staff Writer

Greek life is by no means for all individuals in the Longwood community.

There are even those within the Longwood community that believe that Greek life is simply about buying friends, however for those within the Greek community it is so much more than that.

Out of the more than 125 organizations at Longwood, The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life lists twenty-four organizations on their web site, all of which contribute positively to the Longwood community.

Longwood is fortunate to have had four national sororities founded here at Longwood, all of which were founded more than 100 years ago.

From some of the earliest

members of Longwood's sororities the tradition of the jumpers evolved.

The jumper began when sorority members began to dye their school uniforms with their sorority colors.

Later after Longwood ended its uniform requirement sorority members began to wear the jumper to honor past members and to show pride in their organizations.

The unique tradition goes to demonstrate not only the history of Longwood's sororities, but the long history of the University as well.

All sororities and fraternities serve a philanthropic purpose as well, in part due to their required service hours.

There is also a high financial cost to all members of sororities and fraternities as a whole.

An extensive recruitment and

pledging period requires a large time commitment on the part not only of members of a sorority of fraternity, but also those who wish to join one as well.

The large time commitment and financial cost helps to demonstrate that although strong friendships are made, they are not the sole purpose of joining a sorority or fraternity.

Greek life may not be for all individuals, however it is an important part of the Longwood community helping not only its members but also the community of Longwood as a whole.

The traditions surrounding Longwood's sororities adds a sense of history not only to Longwood's Greek system but to the entire Longwood University community as well.

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If you haven't been living under a rock, you have probably already heard this already. Every year the General Assembly cuts funding to higher education. Our delegates do this because the college-going age, 18 to 21 years old, has the lowest voter turn out at the polls.

We make up a huge percentage of the population, yet our age group is dangerously under-represented because we fail to step up and take a simple responsibility.

These are the facts. It is not fair to criticize others unless we criticize ourselves first. Dr. Cormier sent out an email to everyone on campus asking each student to take a few moments and email their delegates concerning this base adequacy funding. She gave the link of Longwood's legislative issues website, www.capwiz.com/longwood/.

from which you can email your delegates. You can write your own letter or you can use a prewritten one.

Then all you have to do is select your county of residence and voila, you have just accomplished a very significant task, and it only took five minutes. At the last SGA meeting, the Executive officers announced that every senator must write their delegates concerning higher education funding, but that is not nearly enough.

Every student at Longwood carries this responsibility. If you have not already done so, please go to the website and contact your delegates. They will respond to your concerns, because they care about their constituents. The General Assembly will be making their final decisions over the next two weeks. If students do not act on this, then prepare for another tuition increase in 2005.

FIRE cont'd p.1

Throughout the year, students have gotten in trouble for having such things as unlit candles in their rooms, due to Longwood's strict fire code rules.

These new fire code changes just added to the list of things that students are not allowed to do or have because they could potentially pose problems should there be a fire.

Students all around campus are frustrated with the changes that are going to be taking place.

"My feelings about the 10% rule are that if the building is on fire it's not going to make much of a difference how much stuff is on the wall or door. If I become an RA next year, this is

going to be a very difficult policy to enforce and the residents are not going to be happy. Not to mention how in the world are you going to measure 10%," said freshman Jessica Inge, who is training to become a Resident Assistant next year.

These new rules will also be a source of aggravation for those who are currently RA's, because they had to take down all fliers and such off of their halls.

Although the new state law appears to have our best interest in mind, it seems as though they have taken fire prevention to an extreme.

Students who are opposed to the new restrictions have been encouraged to write the state legislators.

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April 12-16, 2004

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Life As an Openly Gay Student Poses a Multitude of Problems, But Also Presents an Opportunity to Grow

U-Wire

Keith Crook considers himself to be far more conservative than the average openly gay college student. He is a card-carrying member of the National Rifle Association, supports increased military spending and is against gay marriage. While being openly gay is a challenge for many, Crook handles it with honesty and hard work.

"I have never officially 'come out' to anyone," Crook said. "If anyone has any type of questions, I answer them very honestly. Because, frankly, it does not really matter. I am not going to volunteer any information. I don't walk up and say, 'Hi, my name is Keith and I am [gay].'" In the past, Crook, a Southern Illinois University junior in radio and TV, has dealt with the trials and tribulations of being openly gay in the conservative state of Texas, but he believes a lot has changed after joining the University atmosphere.

As a child, he said he always knew that something was different, but it was not until he was given a book about puberty from his mother that he thought he might be a homosexual. "I did not know what you called it," Crook said. "It was the first time I heard about the term homosexual. I read about it."

While accepting his own sexuality was an easy process for Crook, his family was not nearly as receptive. In fact, it was not until his mother caught him with another male that the truth came to light. "My mother came walking in the door," Crook said. "I didn't know what to do in that situation. We came downstairs because I thought it appropriate for him to leave because mom was angry. My mother stopped me at the door, and told me to get out. I was saying goodbye to him, and she slammed the door and locked me out. I spent the night on the porch. I was 14."

After that incident, when Crook got his first job he started paying rent to his family. Four years later his relationship with his mother is still strained, but they speak on "civil" terms at

least once a month. His relationship with his father is much different. "My father calls me once a year for tax purposes," Crook said.

While in high school, Crook received negative statements about his sexuality. After moving from Wisconsin to Texas, Crook decided to not make waves in the conservative South, however, people began to "put two and two together." His first car was not only vandalized, but also completely destroyed after students hammered three nails into his radiator. "I would go to my car after school and it would say 'AIDS cures gays!' on my car,"

After those incidents, Crook wore a shirt to school that said "I'm not gay, but my boyfriend is" in an effort to display pride in who he is. Consequentially, he was called into the principal's office and threatened with suspension. "I was told that I had to change or go home because my shirt promoted an immoral and unjust lifestyle," Crook said. "After that, I wore the shirt every Friday for a month."

After moving to Carbondale, being openly gay has been a much easier task. Crook said that he has not experienced direct confrontation because of his sexuality on campus and often people do not even view him as such.

Crook is currently involved in various production projects. He is working on a 20-minute video for the Student Orientation and Advisement Registration program supporting the Supplemental Instruction program, as well as producing and directing an eight-episode television series.

While production on the series will not begin until after spring break, Crook is staying busy. On top of production responsibilities, he is in the beginning stages of turning his website into an online television station, complete with weekly newscasts. Crook said the he is possibly in the best career field for an openly gay man. "This is the best," Crook said. "I am judged on product turnout and

the ability to turn it out in a timely fashion. I like having an idea that I can share with everyone and turn it into real life. There is truth behind 'a picture is worth a thousand words,' and I use film, which has thousands of pictures." Crook said that even though he enjoys working behind the camera, he does not hide behind it, even if he is not the gay "activist" he could be. "I do not get involved with gay groups because I feel the lifestyle has a negative image as it is," Crook said. "I enjoy going to drag shows. I enjoy going to gay-pride parades, but I think sometimes the execution of some groups is poor. You cannot push too hard. People's opinions do not change overnight. Also, it is hard for me to be conservative and walk into a gay group and say 'Hey, I am against gay marriage.'" Because Crook believes marriage is a religious institution, he believes that gay marriage is unnecessary. Instead, he feels civil unions would be more appropriate. Last year, Crook was engaged. His fiancée's father, who was diagnosed with cancer at about the same time, did not approve. In turn, the engagement was called off. While Crook does not approve of gay marriage, he has first-hand experience in preparing for the event. "His mother and sisters told him God was punishing him for being gay," Crook said. "So he gave up the lifestyle. I have not spoken to him since. The last thing I heard was that he was getting ready to marry a woman." Crook said although he once considered marriage, he realized the unfairness of no legal contract between gay couples. "Illinois is one of the hardest states to get recognition of a gay partner," Crook said. "It just is not right that we can not have the contract. If anything were to happen to him at the time, I would have had no legal recourse." While the pain of love lost is still fresh on his mind, Crook remains focused. "Whenever he has to come by obstacles, he overcomes them so well," Hart said. "He does not let things get in the way of his goals, least of all his sexuality."

On-Campus Availability

Samantha Sokup
Staff Writer

For many students college life is not limited to friendships, academics, and clubs, but rather it extends into the working world. With student loans, entertainment costs, gas money, and other various bills piling up more and more students are taking on part-time jobs. Moreover, while many students at Longwood look to the outlying community of Farmville for jobs, they may be overlooking one of their best resources, working on-campus.

Longwood students who have a GPA of 2.0 or higher and have the desire to work have the opportunity to work on-campus through two different programs: Federal Work-Study (FWS) and College Work-Study (CWS). FWS jobs are based on a student's financial need; therefore, students must complete the FAFSA in order to be awarded positions. CWS jobs on the other hand, are for students who do not have a financial need but have a 2.0 GPA and a desire and/or need to work.

As many students know, it is a requirement for freshmen to work in the dining hall their first year here. The stigmatism of cafeteria working may turn some students off, but the fact remains that many students

return to work in the cafeteria after their freshmen year. "Since freshmen are required to work in the dining facilities, they are able to get to know other students and interact with their fellow classmates. People think being assigned to the dining hall means they will automatically be wiping down tables or washing dishes; but there are many other areas in which student workers are needed in food services," commented Nadine Garrett, who is the Student Employment Manager at Longwood.

After students' freshmen year, students can find jobs on campus in numerous places. The library, campus recreation, computer labs, and student tutoring are some of these places.

Currently there are almost 700 students employed on campus with approximately 330 of those working under the college work-study program.

Information on various jobs can be found on LancerTrak, which can be accessed throughout the year and on a website <http://www.longwood.edu/workstudy/>. On this website and LancerTrak students can find jobs, on and off-campus, applications, and various information regarding guidelines and so forth.

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Go see "The Janitors" at Mulligan's 9:00 p.m.

Listen for "The Caffeine Diary" 1-3 p.m.
WMLU 91.3 fm

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Mulligan's Fat Tuesday Party
Seniors bring your mugs!

S.A.F.E. Meetings at 4:30 in the Student Union

Listen to "Alterna-Head" tunes 10-12 a.m.
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"False Dimitri" and "Game Show Hero" live at Mulligan's!!

Listen for "The Goldenfish Show" 10-12 a.m.
WMLU 91.3 fm

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Come edit pages for *The Rotunda* in your copious free time!

Tune in to "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" 12-2 a.m.
WMLU 91.3 fm

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Hiner 2nd floor Auditorium

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Amy's Birthday!
Everyone go to Babes!

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Want to join *The Rotunda* staff? 9:15 p.m. in the bottom of the Student Union!

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8 p.m.

HOROSCOPES

by Sam Wise-Ridges

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan 19)

You know that you're loved when you can't stand in the rain without dancing.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

When the snow hits your eyelashes, you look like a princess.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

Worry more about what you think about yourself, not about what others think of you.

Aries (Mar. 21-April 19)

Wishing that life was more fair? Join the club.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Oh, and you should get back with Sarah.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Pirates are in your future.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Remember that you are important to those around you.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Sluffing only gets you hit harder.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22)

Hugging yooooooooo is easy because you're beautiful.

Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22)

Sticks and stones can break my bones, but padded weapons only bruise me.

Scorpio (Oct. 23.-Nov. 21)

Even though you kiss badly, people will still try to make out with you.

Just don't let them talk to your ex's.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

See a penny, pick it up...but watch out for campus police. And the D-Hall chicken.



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Stop Beating That Dead Horse!

Cosmopolitan magazine takes a look at gender differences in personal habits

U-Wire

I often wonder why it's a commonly known fact that men masturbate about 17 times a week, but as soon a woman opens her mouth about the fact that she may, at times, enjoy "indulging" herself, she is a social outcast.

Other women pretend they have never done and would never do something so heinous.

At least, that's how it used to be, before the 21st century's explosion of sexuality. As this world has come of age, more and more practices are becoming accepted—it's the beginning of a sexual revolution for today's women.

This month's edition of Cosmopolitan magazine included a sexual dictionary. One of the terms introduced was "jill off," the female equivalent of "jack off."

This certainly implies a newfound comfort level with something that's been going on since the beginning of time.

Back in the good old days, doctors used to use vibrators to stimulate their patients' clitorises to bring about relaxation. It was considered a moral medical practice, but only because there was a man involved.

If a woman were ever caught on her own, she would probably be sentenced to public stoning or something. Or maybe her husband would bring all of his friends over for a wife-watching party.

Then there's the pubescent girl at the ripe old age of 15 would need to know how this thing worked, and so try it out. When momsie and popsie come down to make sure their little angel is asleep, they are shocked to hear her moaning.

They open the door, all hell breaks loose, and she's sent to a convent. At least that's how I imagine such a scene would have gone.

But a girl in 1930s America had a right to orgasm just as much as today's stars of "Sex and the City" do. Honestly, boys, it's not our fault if many of you have no clue where the clitoris is located.

Let's examine the true representation of modern-day society: South Park: Bigger Longer & Uncut. Chef knew what was up, but the rest of the men didn't have a clue.

I feel this is a fair representation of the general male population, seeing as probably only 70 percent of men can actually point to the clitoris on a drawing of the female reproductive system.

Conversely, only about 30 percent of women can achieve

orgasm through sexual intercourse, i.e., that humping motion. If this is true, then why is it not okay for us to toot our own horns every once in a while?

I mean, a girl needs some lovin', and by lovin', I clearly mean rapid contractions of her vaginal muscles.

So the real question isn't, "Why do so many girls masturbate?" but rather, "How can there be any woman who doesn't?" I have yet to meet the man with the ability to move his fingers, tongue, penis, what-have-you, at the rate that a vibrator pulsates.

Vibrators are all the rave these days. I have friends, content with heterosexual relationships, who are so attached to their vibrators that they have actually named them.

One is called "cleophas" after the organ which it pleases; the

other "pinky" for the color of the aforementioned organ and the vibrator itself.

Naming is something we generally keep for things we care a lot about, like children, dogs, and cars. To name these small, powerful devices indicates a certain level of caring for them.

They have become such an integral part of the lives of so many women that there is no point in denying it anymore. It's time to start a revolution, ladies—get out your vibrators, buy your boyfriends vibrating tongue rings, and don't be afraid to purchase "personal massagers" or "intimate devices."

Guys have been doing it for so long that it's become the ultimate proverbial beating of the dead horse. Now we, the new women of the 21st century sexual revolution, will not be ashamed of our sexual prowess.

Ask TK—The Only Honest Opinion

This week I am addressing an issue that is coming up more and more recently, transferring. (It was also the only letter I received.)

If you have any questions and want to hear some purely honest advice, e-mail me at tskeith@longwood.edu

Now onto the first, and only letter.

Dear TK,

First semester here at Longwood was great.

I had fun getting to know people and everything.

Then after Christmas break, the girl I had become best friends with had to leave and go back home due to some problems.

Also, I met a great guy, who is now my boyfriend, but sadly he has left too.

I am not really excited about being here at Longwood.

I don't want to join a sorority.

A lot of people around here don't let me act like the dorky person that I can be.

When I go home, or if I am out with my best friend I can act like myself.

There isn't a whole lot keeping me here at Longwood next year.

I think I may want to transfer to VCU and go home.

Is this normal? What should I do?

I want to stay, because Longwood is a great school, but I just don't have fun anymore! Help me!

Sincerely,

Looking at
Transferring!

Dear Looking,

The first year at collage is almost always the hardest.

I'm sure there are many fresh-

man who feel the same way as you, still a little unsure of their place, maybe considering a new collage?

Adapting to a new environment, the pressures of meeting new friends and doing well in school can be quite difficult.

Being excited, or being involved in a sorority shouldn't be the only things that keep you here.

If the people you spend you time with make you feel like you can't be yourself, then you need to make a decision.

You can completely change yourself, or you can try to find a new and different group of friends.

I suggest that you try and find a group you get involved with and feel comfortable.

If you can't find any club or group to keep you here at Longwood, then what reason do you have to stay here?

If you think somewhere else

would make you happy, then by all means, you should seek it out.

These feelings are completely normal, but remember why you decided to come to Longwood in the first place.

Was it the curriculum, or the campus?

At least try to root yourself here before the spring semester is over.

If you still don't feel like a part of Longwood, and VCU seems like it would be better for you, then consider transferring.

You do bring up a common topic this week.

With the controversy arising over the housing requirements, many juniors and seniors are considering transferring.

I firmly believe that Longwood is a quality University.

If you can overlook the construction, the lack of school spirit, occasionally a walk where no one smiles back, (and no film program what so ever) then this

place is awesome.

I remember why I decided on this University.

The campus was green and pleasant, it reminded me of home, and I was more comfortable with a small student population.

If you feel like you don't quite fit in, there are alternatives.

There are lots of different extra-curricular things to participate in.

Lancer Productions runs a very excellent program, perhaps you should check into helping with a LP event.

Join the staff of *The Gyre*, or even *The Rotunda*, we could use the help.

Remember, if you and a few friends can't find anything that interests you, then you have all right and ability to start your own club.

Over all, I am still happy with the way things are, and I intend to return.

-TK

Longwood Theatre Presents *An Italian Straw Hat* by Eugène Labiche, the First Play for 2004

Becky Creasey
Guest Writer

Longwood Theatre kicks into high gear for the spring season with Labiche's *An Italian Straw Hat*.

This French farce, opening February 25, will leave the audience breathless.

The fast paced comedy paired with the well-crafted plot, create a most delightful performance. Fadinard, a well-known bachelor, is about to trade in his single lifestyle for the shackles of marriage when a small mishap threatens to spoil his wedding day.

His horse finds a pretty straw hat as appetizing as the audience will find the chaos that follows its

digestion.

Threatened by a noble woman who is having an affair with a menacing soldier, Fadinard is forced to search for an identical hat to replace the one his horse has naughtily eaten.

The audience will inevitably get caught up in this whirlwind comedy, featuring a multitude of talented actors from Longwood University.

Join the wedding party as they follow Fadinard haphazardly from one wild adventure to the next, creating total pandemonium.

Join the chaos beginning February 25-28 at 8 p.m., and again on Sunday, February 29, at 3 p.m.

Gene Muto directs *An Italian Straw Hat*, with Scenic and Lighting Design by Eric A. Koger and Costume Design by Patt Ness.

Longwood Theatre students complete the design team, with Sound Design by Drew Moberley and Makeup Design by Renata Shaffer-Gottschalk.

This play is family entertainment, and is suitable for most audiences.

Tickets will go on sale February 11, and can be purchased at the Jarman Box Office, or by calling (434) 395-2474.

Box Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 2 to 4 p.m.



In Labiche's madcap farce An Italian Straw Hat, Clara (Anna Richardson), the hat shop owner, has her own designs on Fadinard (Austin Eichelberger) who is about to be wed to another. Looking on is the angry soldier Emile (Carl Calabrese), who is more concerned with preserving his lover's reputation by retrieving the straw hat in question.

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In addition to the aforementioned resources, there will be a Student Employment Fair on April 15, 2004 in the dining hall lobby. At this fair, employers will be able to talk with potential student employees and arrange for or conduct interviews. Because many students are and will be looking for jobs, it is imperative for students to start looking for positions early. "Employers want to know who students are before the new semester begins, thus students shouldn't wait until the fall to look; that's what a lot of people do," warned Career Center Director, Mary Saunders.

For students wanting to

work while at Longwood there are many opportunities to do so even though the community around the college does not have much to offer in the form of part-time jobs for students. "Because many community employers want their employees for year-round it is more convenient for them to hire local high school students, since they don't go home for Christmas and various other breaks," explained Saunders. However, there are many opportunities for students to work on-campus and though they may not be the ideal jobs for students, if students really want to work and earn money, they will take on these jobs none-the-less. Working on campus not only provides a means to earn money for these students but also enhances

skills or helps them to learn skills to be used after leaving Longwood. It helps them prepare for the real world. Therefore, whether they work in the dining hall or other areas on campus, the experience can be beneficial to them.

"Student employees are a valuable resource to Longwood. They provide services to many departments on campus," said Garrett. So, for all of you students out there who want or need a job next year, start looking at the resources that Longwood has to offer you. Longwood obviously cannot hire every student, but the fact remains that if you are willing to work then people such as Garrett and Saunders are more than willing to help you in this process.

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Baseball Opens Season Against NCAA Division I James Madison

Sports Information

Longwood University opened its 2004 campaign with a three-game weekend series against NCAA Division I James Madison University. The Lancers lost all three games against the Dukes, falling 10-3 in the series finale at Lancer Stadium after dropping a doubleheader in Harrisonburg by scores of 12-3 and 13-0.

Longwood will host another three-game series against visiting Division II Bryant College of Rhode Island this weekend, Feb. 21-22, at Lancer Stadium - playing a doubleheader Feb. 21 at 12 p.m., followed by the finale Feb. 22 at 1 p.m..

Against JMU in the series finale, the visiting Dukes scored six unearned runs through six innings, aided by four Longwood errors, though only leading 6-3.

The visitors secured the series sweep with four runs in the eighth inning. JMU broke an early 1-1 tie after three innings with four runs in the fourth inning, getting an RBI

double from Matt Bristow (1-2, 2 RBI), along with RBI singles from Michael Cowgill (2-3, RBI) and Davis Stoneburner (1-2, RBI). The four-run eighth featured a two-run double from Skyler Doom (1-5, 2 RBI), along with an RBI double from Dan Santobianco (1-1, RBI).

Travis Miller (1-0) earned the mound win with the first 5.0 innings, allowing six hits and two earned runs with a career-high eight strikeouts.

Longwood got on the board early with a well-executed double-steal that scored junior Robert Gillis/Dartmouth, Nova Scotia (Auburn Drive) (2-2) in the second inning. The Lancers added a run in the fourth inning on an RBI double from junior Brett Mooney/Virginia Beach (Salem) (2-3, RBI).

LU added another run in the sixth inning on a pinch-hit RBI single from sophomore Danny McCraw/Pamplin (Randolph-Henry) (1-2, RBI). Senior Brian Medley/Halifax (Halifax Co.) (2-3)

added two hits for the Lancers.

Freshman Alan Moore/Richmond (Monacan) (0-1) took the pitching loss with the first 6.0-plus innings, allowing just three hits and no earned runs with three strikeouts while making his collegiate debut.

In the nightcap at JMU, Medley (1-3) hit a three-run home run in the fourth inning for the Lancers. Freshmen Tyler Ames/Exmore (Northampton) (2-4) and Charlie Yarbrough/Richmond (Mills Godwin) (2-3) each had two hits to lead Longwood, including a double from Yarbrough.

Sophomore John Hines/Smithfield (Smithfield) (0-1) took the mound loss with the first 4.0 innings, allowing five hits and seven earned runs with four strikeouts. The Dukes were led by Cowgill (2-3, 2 RBI) with a two-run double in the sixth inning.

In the opener, freshman Tyler Childress/Montclair (Forest Park) was 2-4 to lead Longwood as the

Lancers had just five hits in the game. Junior Chris Balus/Newport News (Denbigh) (1-3), along with Ames (1-2) and freshman Zach Zigrang/Virginia Beach (Kempsville) (1-3), each collected a hit.

Senior Evan Weinstein/Toronto, Canada (W.L. MacKenzie) (0-1) took the pitching loss with the first 3.1 innings, allowing eight hits and seven earned runs with one strikeout. JMU was led by Cowgill (3-4, 2 RBI) who hit a solo home run in the second inning.

Season Statistics

Through the season-opening three games, Medley leads Longwood with his .375 batting average, one home run, and three RBI.

He is followed by Gillis (.333, 1-2B), Mooney (.300, 1-2B, RBI), Ames (.300), Childress (.300), Yarbrough (.273, 2-2B), Balus (.250), McCraw (.250, RBI), freshman Hunter Williams/Richmond (Varina) (.250), and Zigrang (.111). On the

mound, Moore (0-1) has a 0.00 ERA though 5.0 innings with three strikeouts.

He is followed by freshman Brian McCullough/Virginia Beach (Princess Anne) (0-0, 3.00 ERA, 3.0 IP, 1K), sophomore Mike Brown/Courtland (Southampton) (0-0, 3.38 ERA, 2.2 IP, 2K), junior Darin Knically/Elkton (Spotswood) (0-0, 10.12 ERA, 2.2 IP, 5K), Hines (0-1, 13.50 ERA, 4.0 IP, 4K), and Weinstein (0-1, 13.50 ERA, 3.1 IP, 1K). The Lancers are hitting .232 with one home run and five RBI, while posting a team ERA of 7.04 through 23.0 innings with 16 strikeouts.

Following the weekend series with Bryant, Longwood will remain home at Lancer Stadium to host the University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Division II) Feb. 28-29.

Selected Longwood University home baseball games will be broadcast by the student-operated campus radio station WMLU-FM (91.3) - a complete schedule is not available at this time.

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Longwood Softball Wins Recent Games, But Continues to Struggle

Sports Information

Longwood University won its only game played last week, defeating Mount Olive 14-4, Feb. 15 in North Carolina. The nightcap of the doubleheader was called during the second inning due to the inclement weather. The Lancers are now 2-5 on the season and will return to action Saturday, Feb. 21, as they travel back to North Carolina to take on Wingate - the doubleheader is set to being at 1 p.m.

At Mount Olive, The Lancers recorded a season-best 20 hits off of the Trojan pitching staff en route to their convincing road win.

Longwood posted runs in six of the seven innings played, including four in the top of the fourth to secure its second victory of the season.

Junior Jen Steele/Manassas Park (Manassas Park) paced the Lancers with her 3-for-5 performance at the plate, including her second homer of the season - a two-run shot to drive in sopho-

more Shamana Washington/Orange (Orange Co.). Steele finished the contest with a single, a double, and a homer - just missing the cycle - along with five RBIs. Washington also went 3-for-5 with two doubles and an RBI, while sophomore Mallory Gordon/Powhatan (Powhatan Co.) registered three hits of her own in five appearances at the plate, including two runs scored.

Steele (2-3) earned the win on the mound, throwing her third complete-game (7.0 IP) of the season with six strikeouts. She limited Mount Olive to just five hits on the afternoon, while allowing one walk.

Through seven games, Gordon continues to pace the Lancers with her .478 batting average, getting a team-best 11 hits in 23 appearances at the plate. She has also posted three runs, a double, and a triple, along with four RBIs.

Following the Wingate contest, Longwood will remain on the road in North Carolina as they take on Barton College Feb. 22.

Women's Basketball Continues Winning Streak

Sports Information

Longwood extended its winning streak to four-straight last week, defeating Virginia Union 83-67, Feb. 12 in Lancer Hall and Saint Paul's 75-53, Feb. 10 in Lawrenceville. The Lancers are now 15-8 on the season and will remain idle this week. Head Coach Shirley Duncan's squad will return to action Feb. 25 as they host Southern Virginia at 7 p.m. in Lancer Hall. The final home game of the season will be broadcast and available worldwide on the Internet at longwood-lancers.com via TEAMLINE and TRZ Sports Services.

Against Virginia Union (19-5), senior Erica Marcum/Charleston, W.Va. (George Washington) scored a career-high 23 points, netting seven of nine field goals - all from three-point territory - to help the host squad avenge its earlier 83-67 loss to the Panthers on Jan. 15 in Richmond. Longwood jumped out to an early 17-10 lead at the 12:58 mark, sparked by three buckets in two minutes from sophomore Amber Mason/Virginia Beach (Princess Anne). The Lancers extended their margin to 10 points, stretching the score to 24-14 with just under nine minutes to play as Longwood netted seven unanswered points capped off by a trey from sophomore Ashley Mason/Virginia Beach (Princess Anne). Longwood continued to control the half, getting its largest lead (35-24) of the stanza with 3:25 left to play before Virginia Union cut the advantage to 36-33 at the break after going on its own 9-1 run. The two teams remained close through the opening minutes of the second period and the visiting Panthers got within four points (55-51) of the host squad before Marcum nailed two of her seven treys and hit a free throw to give Longwood the decisive 64-51 advantage. The Lancers never looked back and continued to outscore Virginia Union, maintaining their double-digit lead down the stretch.

In addition to Marcum's

game-high and career-best night of 23 points on 7-for-9 shooting, she also contributed six assists and a steal in 33.10 minutes of play. Junior Marita Meldere/Ruijiena, Latvia (Lynchburg Christian) aided the scoring effort, adding her 14th double-double on the season - her fifth-straight - of 10 points and 14 boards, while junior transfer Catherine Dunn/Aberdeen, N.J. (St. John

of the first half, leading throughout the stanza until Meldere hit a field goal with 1:31 remaining to give the Lancers their first lead of the game (22-21). After entering the intermission with a 26-21 advantage, Longwood opened the second stanza right where it left off. Freshman Rebecca Charles/South Charleston, W.Va. (South Charleston) gave the Lancers a needed spark off the bench, scoring 10 points on 5-for-

six, respectively. Longwood shot 44.9 percent (31-69) from the field, including 28.6 percent (4-14) beyond the arc and 67.7 percent (21-31) at the stripe. Quisannah Noel led the host school with her team-best 15 points, five assists, and five boards. Azizi O'Bryant added 11 points, while LaQuanda Rouse contributed 10 points for the Tigers. Saint Paul's shot 31.7 percent (19-60) from the floor,

the season and grabs 5.2 boards a game, while Smith contributes 7.0 points and 6.0 rebounds per contest, while shooting 33.9 percent (59-174) from the floor. Marcum adds 6.5 points shooting 36.1 percent (48-133) from the floor and dishes out 2.3 assists, while Wilkerson averages 5.0 points and passes out a team-high 2.7 assists per game, while shooting 27.4 percent (31-113) from the floor and 66.7 percent (32-48) at the line foul line.

Ashley Mason, who missed the first seven games of the season due to an injury, is providing a much-needed offense threat off the bench. In 16 games, she is averaging 10.6 points and 4.8 rebounds a game. Mason is also shooting a team-best 60.0 percent (66-110) from the floor, a team-high 47.8 percent (11-23) from beyond the arc, and 65.0 percent (26-40) at the stripe.

Others include sophomore Ashleigh Hollman/Centreville (Westfield) (5.3 points, 1.6 assists, 32.7% FG, 38.4% 3FG (28-73), 75% FT, 20 games); freshman Abbey Freese/West Liberty, Ohio (West Liberty-Salem) (3.1 points, 1.8 assists, 28.6% FG, 66.7% FT, 22 games) and Charles (2.9 points, 2.3 rebounds, 45.2% FG, 43.5% FT).

The Lancers average 68.2 points a contest, while shooting 39.3 percent (579-1473) from the field, including 29.4 percent (104-354) on three-pointers, and 67.0 percent (307-458) at the line. During its current win streak, Longwood is posting 78.0 points a game, outscoring the competition by an average margin of 22.3 points an outing.

Following the Southern Virginia contest, Longwood travel to Spartanburg, North Carolina to participate in the Converse (S.C.) Tournament. At the event, the Lancers will take on the host school, Feb. 27 at 8 p.m., followed by a match-up between either North Greenville or Pittsburgh-Johnstown on Feb. 28 with either 2 or 4 p.m. tip-off. Longwood faced Pittsburgh-Johnstown earlier this season at the 12th Annual C&L/Lancer Classic losing 73-59.



Vianney) got 13 points, seven rebounds, and dished out four assists. Amber Mason also had a double-digit night, scoring 11 points, while getting five steals and passing out four assists. Longwood shot 39.1 percent (25-64) from the field, including 47.8 percent (11-23) from beyond the arc, and 68.8 percent (11-16) at the stripe. Virginia Union center Danielle Hoggard paced the Panthers with her team-best 20 points and eight boards, while leading scorer Pria Stellmacher registered 13 points on the night with 11 of the team's 28 turnovers. Shaaron Atkins also chipped in 10 points for the visiting team. VUU shot 45.8 percent (27-59) from the floor and 62.5 percent (5-8) at the line, while remaining scoreless (0-for-7) from beyond the arc.

At Saint Paul's, the host school controlled the majority

6 shooting, and allowed the visiting team to take the lead for good. Head Coach Shirley Duncan's squad never looked back, outscoring the Tigers 49-32 in the second half for the team's third-straight win.

Meldere paced the balanced Lancer offense that registered four players in double-figures with her 13th double-double of the season on 17 points and 17 boards. She shot 50 percent from the floor, while adding two blocks and two steals. Ashley Mason contributed 15 points on 7-for-11 shooting, along seven rebounds and four assists. Senior Ebony Smith/Palmyra (Fluvanna County) had her own double-figure night with 11 points, while adding eight rebounds and an assist. Sophomore tandem Amber Mason and Jessica Wilkerson/Roanoke (Northside) combined for 14 of the team's 26 assists, getting a career-high eight

including 25.9 percent (7-27) from three-point territory and 72.7 percent (8-11) at the foul line.

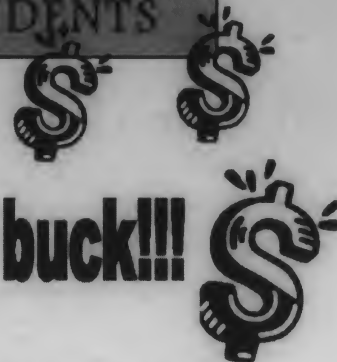
Through 23 games, Meldere continues to lead Longwood with her double-double average of 17.3 points and 12.4 rebounds. She is also averaging a team-best 31.5 minutes, 2.5 steals and 0.7 blocks a contest, while shooting 44.8 percent from the floor and 69.5 percent at the foul line. Meldere has paced the team 19 times this season in rebounding, while posting a team-best points 16 times. She ranks third nationally in rebounding this week.

Amber Mason follows with her season averages of 8.4 points and 5.0 rebounds, shooting 37.2 percent (61-164) from the field and 72.7 percent (56-77) at the line. She also gets a team-best 2.8 steals a game. Dunn averages 7.1 points on 40.6 percent (65-160) shooting, including six treys on

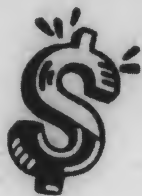
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Ease of Accessibility for Students With Disabilities Questioned

Shawn Garrett
News Editor

Longwood University Freshman Eric Hutson had an interesting experience during the December 1st Hamden-Sydney-Longwood basketball game. Several members of the Alpha Chi Rho fraternity lifted Eric from his wheelchair and carried him from the Lancer Gym floor to a higher seat in the bleachers.

While many onlookers may have misunderstood the act as either malicious or meant as a hazing, its true intent was one of assistance and caring.

Certain athletic ambassadors present at the game deemed Eric's position an obstruction to both the view of the game's able-bodied attendees and persons attempting to walk in front of the bleachers.

The incident is being pointed to by many in the Longwood community as an example of Longwood's faltering commitment to full access for its disabled students.

"This is wonderful fraternity,"

says Susan Rood, Longwood's ADA Compliant Officer and Director of Disability Services. "Just a great group of guys."

The group's act, Ms. Rood says, highlights the recent troubles facing Longwood's growing number of students with disabilities.

"We currently have five students who use wheelchairs to get around campus," says Rood, "the third highest percent of all colleges and universities in Virginia, which is phenomenal considering Longwood's hilly landscape."

Although the university far exceeds state standards of compliance with the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (Longwood is 99% compliant, a difficult achievement considering the university's age and size) it falls short of complete compliance with federal standards.

Eric's experience needn't have occurred at all, claims Ms. Rood. "The solution is three wheelchair cut-outs that could be placed in the first row of the bleachers." Plans for the cut-

outs have been in place for some time sources familiar with the issue have said, but so far Campus Facilities has not acted on the proposed improvements.

Swift action, however, has been taken by Campus Police in response to a recent piece in the Rotunda concerning Aramark and construction vehicles using wheelchair ramps for the offloading and on-loading of materials. Chief Lowe has cracked down on the issue, reiterating that the illegal blocking of such ramps would not be tolerated.

Though action is being taken, Ms. Rood points to the difficulty disabled students have getting into Iler Gym and Eric Hutson's experience as clear signs that there is room for improvement. Access to certain facilities where physical therapy is conducted is crucial to students with disabilities, whose flexibility and range of motion depends on regular specific exercises.

The new Student Fitness Center-currently in the planning stages-will be "completely acces-



sible to all Longwood students" says Rood, "and plans are in the works for upgrades all around campus so that the university will be completely handicapped-accessible by next year" but action needs to be taken to help disabled students now.

Certain issues involving lack of student awareness has also become more evident in recent months.

"There needs to be a movement towards better sidewalk

etiquette" says Rood. "As Longwood moves from a university regulated by traffic patterns to a more pedestrian campus, able-bodied students need to remember that they can move off of sidewalks to let another student pass-disabled students cannot."

Although Longwood ranks high among institutions with regards to student access to facilities, there is still much yet to be done.

Longwood Becomes Affiliate of Prince Edward Rescue Squad

Rachel Harper
Guest Writer

Longwood Emergency Medical Services are not finished; the EMS First Responders are merely in a transition phase.

In its original form, Longwood First Responders was a student led, student run EMS team. It was made up of certified Emergency Medical Technicians, as well as those who knew basic CPR and First Aid.

Since First Responders started, it has grown and led many Longwood students towards avid interests in the EMS field. It introduces students to the possibilities of Emergency Medical Services as a career, not only as an EMT but also as a nurse or paramedic.

For many, the most important

part about getting involved in EMS is taking your time to volunteer in your community.

Over half of Prince Edward Volunteer Rescue Squad's membership is drawn from local college students, from both Longwood University and Hampden-Sydney College. The Rescue Squad gets its share of calls from all over the county, including Prospect, Pamplin, Rice, Meherrin, Hampden-Sydney and surrounding counties as well as calls on Longwood's campus.

Previously, Longwood First Responders would get toned out to emergency calls on Longwood's campus. They would arrive on a scene and assess the patient's vitals along with starting pre-hospital treat-

ment while they waited for the ambulance.

This helped PEVRS on busy nights, while also giving them more information about the call. Soon Longwood First Responders will be active again, but this time they will be known as the Longwood Affiliate of Prince Edward Volunteer Rescue Squad.

The name change reflects the new cooperative program set up between the school and the rescue squad. One of the PEVRS ambulances is going to be adorned with the Longwood University symbol.

Once the parking garage is complete, the ambulance will be stationed in its own parking spot. It will be staffed by PEVRS members who are Longwood University students and staff, as well as other PEVRS members as

needed.

An ambulance crew consists of a driver and an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). Drivers are required to take an Emergency Vehicle Operations Class. This class is a weekend long; one day of in-class learning as well as a written test.

The second day is driver training on a course made up of orange cones. Once a student passes the class, they are certified to drive an ambulance. In order to become an EMT, a patient provider, students must take a semester long class and then pass a state-required test.

Members are trained to handle any situation they might face in the field, so they can be prepared as best possible for whatever they might encounter.

As a Squad member, students can get a wide variety of calls on any given night, or nothing at all. They may have to take a diabetic to the hospital, splint an injury, control bleeding, care for burns, deal with drunks, crazies, and those that go to the hospital once a week.

There are the interesting calls; car versus pedestrian, cardiac arrest, and car entrapment when PEVRS uses Rescue 1, their crash truck.

Then there are the not so entertaining calls; the ninety-year-old lady with difficulty breathing or a drunken college student that needs more water and less alcohol. Either way, EMTs are helping the community, taking the sick and wounded to get the help they need. See EMT p.4

Words From the Editor



So here it is. My twenty-first birthday. Who the hell knew?

I'm just as impressed as you are. Ready for a good night? I am. Let's play!

You want to know the best present I've gotten so far? You probably don't but I'm going to tell you anyway. My best friend got the two of us row F seats to Susan Werner's concert in April. That's right. If you could see me now, writing this, you'd see me on the floor. It's that exciting.

And I would go from there, but I have something serious to talk to you about. (Ugh, in my excitement, I can't think of a way to rewrite that last sentence so it doesn't end on a preposition.)

This coming Monday, March 1

is National Self-Injury Awareness Day (NSIAD).

NSIAD was started by Deb Martinson just a few years ago (though I can't find the exact date on her webpage - selfinjury.org). Deb is one of the most amazing women I've ever talked to, and she is quite the authority in the realm of us crazies. I've seen her name pop up in countless articles and books.

One of her great accomplishments is starting and running Bodies Under Siege (BUS), an e-mail support group, which is named after the book by Armando Favazza. This list is how I first found out about NSIAD.

For the past two years, I've handed out pamphlets with information compiled from Deb's webpage and ribbons that I force my friends to make with

me (though noone can determine the cause's actual colors, I go with the popular purple and sky blue).

So in addition to handing these things out, which most people will probably throw away or ignore, I will take my space this week to tell you a little bit about self-injury.

The affliction (mostly cutting) has been appearing in pop culture for the past several years. It is not uncommon to see a character in a TV show, movie, or book (most of which are geared toward teens or college students) who engages in self-injury. Some may remember scenes in *28 Days, Girl, Interrupted, Thirteen*, or my favorite Canadian melodrama, *Degrassi: The Next Generation*.

Self-injury is any act in which harm is used to change a mood state. The most common ways of doing this are cutting, burning, and head banging.

More importantly, though, is what self-injury is not. If the main goal of the injuring is sexual pleasure, body decoration, spiritual enlightenment via ritual, or fitting in or being cool, then it is not self-injury. While these things do cause harm, the reasons behind them are not the same.

Most estimates concerning the demographics of self-injury put the number using this coping mechanism at 1000 per 100,000, which is about 1% of the population of the United States. Generally, the person is female, around our age, and has been engaging in self-injury since she was in high school. Mostly, these women are upper-middle-class, intelligent, well-educated, and they also generally come from abusive families.

Something else that is of utmost importance is to know that

people who are self-injuring are not looking to die. On the contrary, they are looking for a way to live.

For friends and families or self-injurers, Deb suggests that they don't take it personally. Most of these people are not out to hurt others. Also, read up on the issue (my personal recommendation is *A Bright Red Scream* by Marilee Strong). Don't forget to take time for yourself, and never, ever give an ultimatum. They just don't work.

Thank you for your time and seriousness. You know how much it means to me. Next week, more Susan Werner. Mmm.

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The Rotunda is an equal opportunity volunteer organization and is looking for people who are interested in writing or layout. We currently have positions available and ask anyone who is interested to come to our meetings, Mondays at 9:15 p.m.

Dear Editor,

This is in response to the February 5, 2004 "Lazy RAs Make Life Difficult for Residents" article submitted by Tanner Keith who is an opinion editor.

I am a third year Resident Assistant in the Colonnades.

I was a freshman resident of South Ruffner before I became an RA devoted to the Colonnades.

I believe I work with some of the best people on this campus.

My staff is awesome, my boss is awesome and my residents are, indeed, awesome.

If it weren't for the combination of the three, I would probably have more "me" time like I'm sure you probably have.

I originally had not picked up a Rotunda until one of my staff members questioned if I had seen "the article."

As soon as I read the title of the article, I began to take offense to his misinformed rants.

In his article he spoke about how the "fire doors" located in between the hallway has a magnetic lock that will release the doors when the alarm sounds.

A fire door is a door that can hold off a fire from spreading into an opposing room or staircase after a matter of minutes.

A few of the doors in the Colonnades can hold off a fire from spreading for about 20 min-

utes before spreading onward.

These doors have magnetic latches not for the convenience of the RAs but rather for the safety of the buildings' residents.

Just imagine if you or another resident were physically attacked, having a seizure, dying from alcohol poisoning, or involved in any number of other emergencies.

You would be in need of serious assistance behind one of these doors and somebody/anybody walking by could not see you to help you simply because another resident decided to disengage one of these locks.

The part of the article that was incorrect was the fact that RAs aren't doing their jobs and are just peeking down a hallway through windows located on the doors in the staircase.

RAs don't "look down the halls rather than actually walk all the way through them."

Our staffs, along with other staffs, have devoted many hours to walking each floor, including the basements of Tabb and French in order to secure your safety and protection.

We are the ones who are up at all hours of the night.

We check to make sure there are no random strangers walking through the building.

We make sure that no one is in need of help or in danger for

whatever reason.

As far as the title of the article, it is simply insulting to the RAs and to RCL (Residential and Commuter Life).

It also angers me every time I hear a resident say that RAs are out to get them.

Contrary to the beliefs of those who are ignorant of what we do and why we do it, RAs have a life beyond writing people up.

If more people followed the rules then there would be less issues for RAs and less cases going to Honor & Judicial Board.

We don't look for problems, obvious problems find us.

My response to you, Tanner Keith is that if you have a concern that your RA is not "doing their job" and you feel you can do a better job, then apply.

RCL is always looking for more candidates to help with Longwood's growing leadership.

Don't judge my staff until you have walked in our shoes.

Finally, don't try to quote people and policies until you are sure that you really understand what they are saying.

It simply ensures that you look ignorant to those that have taken the time to fully understand.

-Aja M. Brooks, R.A.

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The Following Letter is in response to the letter to the editor.
Dear Aja,

I feel as though I must thank you for replying to my article however late it seems to be (three weeks). After thanking you, though, I must express my doubt in any further gratitude towards you short of sarcasm.

The first thing you address in your letter to the editor is a short description of yourself, your time spent as an RA, and how "awesome" the people are around you. By my knowledge, a resident is any student that resides in the same building as any given RA; therefore, I am one of your residents; therefore, you believe I am awesome. Thank you once again. It seems as though you are demanding respect simply based on the fact that you are an RA, and sympathy because you do not get as much "me" time as I do. First off, you do not have any idea what my schedule is; your statement is based on assumptions. Secondly, you knew far beforehand that filling the position of an RA would cut back on your "me" time, as you call it.

However glad I was to hear that you read my article, I was disappointed by the fact that you were not going to pick a paper up had it not been for my article. The staffers here at The Rotunda also sacrifice their time to produce a quality paper every week, and obviously we do not have your gratitude for our hard work.

Then you go on to state that that you immediately took offense to the article after you read the title. To my knowledge, the title of the article was, "Lazy RAs Make Life Difficult for Residents" not, "Aja M. Brooks is a Lazy RA." I did not in any way write anything that was directed at you specifically. You taking offense to the title is like judging a book by its cover, a ship by its hull, or any other number of metaphors based on looking at the outer visual, rather than the more important content. Perhaps you took offense

because it was a generalized statement; if I said that some RAs are lazy, then as an RA, you take offense. I must tell you, Aja, being part of a group identifies you with that group. If you are an RA, and one or ten RAs out of sixty or seventy RAs are identified as lazy, then it is possible you could be labeled as such, even if you are not. That is what being a part of a group is: accepting both the good and bad.

Even with that said, I am truly sorry you took offense to my "misinformed rants." I must admit, I was ranting, but I must also regret to inform you, Aja, I was not misinformed. Even after apparently reading my article, you do not understand the points I was trying to make or the doors I was explaining, which seems odd, considering you live in the same building and see the same "fire doors," the ones with windows, the ones that stay closed on every floor but the first (even after permission from the REC to leave it closed) for some mysterious reason.

I also never stated that the purpose of the magnetic latches (not locks) was for the convenience of the RAs. I also never gave any quarrel to the double fire doors in the center of the hall, because they appeared to be actual fire doors. The single door with a window is in fact a fire door (perhaps not as strong because of its age and the window). You write that an incorrect section of the article was the fact that RAs on duty aren't always doing their jobs by walking down every hall. I did not write that you did not fulfill your duties to the entirety, rather that it was a reason for keeping the double doors open, so that not only RAs, but anyone, can see down the entire hall, for any reason.

I would think that occasionally an RA would glance down a hall instead of walking, and I have no problem with that whatsoever.

I also would like to argue against RAs providing me with "safety and protection". I believe that my RA is responsible and respectable, but he does not make

me feel "safe" or "protected" (sorry Steve-o). I must also argue that you are not up all hours of the night, rather 2 o'clock. I also do not think that you are keeping random strangers from entering the buildings. The ease of "tailing" someone into a building is amazing. I have seen a guest unknown to the RAs at least fifty times in my building, and I have never seen a RA ask someone to produce identification.

Once again, you comment on the title of the article, and you being incredibly offended by it. I am sure this will come as a surprise to you considering you believe that I am awesome, but I did not conceive the title of my article, and I am not even sure who did.

Taking a break from blindly criticizing me, you say, "Contrary to the beliefs of those who are ignorant of what we do and why we do it, RAs have a life beyond writing people up," which conflicts with your self-proclaimed lack of "me" time.

You also write that, "you don't go looking for problems; obvious problems find you." I seriously doubt that every student that has been written up for alcohol knocked on their RA's door and proclaimed that they were drunk. I do believe that RAs go on sound and smell to find trouble, as it is their job.

My response to you, Aja M. Brooks, is that you are being hypocritical in judging my article without being on the newspaper staff yourself. I felt as though I could make The Rotunda better, and I believed I have done so. I got you to read it, didn't I?

Finally, do not tell me that I am misquoting people and policies when it is you who does not understand. I re-checked my source, and I understand the situation perfectly.

What you have done by writing this letter is ensure that you look ignorant to me because it is obvious I have taken more time to understand this already dead argument.

Sincerely,
Tanner S. Keith

props and drops

Props:

- + To campus police for cracking down on vehicles parked on handicapped ramps.
- + To Susan Werner for being the sexiest woman on the face of this planet...in Amy's head.
- + To 2!!!!
- + To Terry cloth underwear.
- + To Jay for stepping up and making us proud.

Drops:

- To Professors talking smack about students to other students.
- To over priced items in the Student Union.
- To construction at eight in the morning.
- To four hours of sleep, when we need ten.
- To the weather being cold again.

Speak Out

What is the stupidest thing you have ever done over Spring Break?



I tripped over a Mexican in Cancun and broke my ankle... sober.
-Karen Hasinger

Well, It includes a donkey...
-James Wahlgren



I was told that we threw picnic tables off the roof of our beach house
-TS Good



Ask us in a few weeks when we get back from Paradise Island.
-Amy Tardy and Sara Bassett



Longwood To Host 5th District Candidates Forum

Compiled From Various Sources

Democratic challenger Al Weed and incumbent Republican Virgil Goode will appear at candidate's forum at Longwood University. The event will begin at 10:45am on Tuesday, March 2, in Wygal Auditorium, and is anticipated to end at noon. It is sponsored by the Department of Political Science, and Asst. Prof. Scott Cole will moderate. The theme for the event is, "Where Should America Head in the Future?"

According to a press release sent to the Rotunda from the Weed campaign Al Weed, 61, is a Nelson County farm-winery owner. He recently retired after 42 years of military service, reserve and active duty, including a tour as a combat medic in Viet Nam. Weed put himself through Yale, and earned a graduate degree from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson

School of Public and International Affairs, majoring in Economic Development and Political Modernization.

According to Congressman Goode's webpage, Virgil H. Goode, Jr. is a life-long resident of Franklin County.

Congressman Goode completed his undergraduate studies in 1969, attaining a B.A. from the University of Richmond. While at Richmond, he was named to both Phi Beta Kappa and Omicron Delta Kappa. Following his graduation from Richmond, Congressman Goode attended the University of Virginia School of Law, where he received a J.D. in 1973. During that time, he was selected for the Virginia Law Review. In 1973, at age 27, Congressman Goode was elected to the Virginia Senate. He served as the 20th District Senator in the Virginia General Assembly until

1996. In November of that year, he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives as the Congressman from the Fifth District of Virginia. He was sworn in to the 105th Congress on January 7th, 1997.

Congressman Goode now splits his time between serving in Washington and being in the Fifth District. In the Congress, he serves on the Appropriations Committee and the Subcommittees of VA/HUD, Agriculture, and Military Construction.

After lengthy opening remarks, audience members will be selected at random by the moderator, to ask questions of either or both candidates. Five minutes will be given to each candidate for closing remarks.

Admission is free and the public is invited. Attendees from outside the Longwood community are cautioned that parking on

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The best calls are "the calls that you feel like you made a difference." (Mike Speidel, EMT, PEVRS).

"When someone calls 911 they are asking you to be a part of their emergency ... it can be a very humbling experience."

Many people have gotten into the Emergency Medical field and do not want to leave it.

They make it their careers. You can tell when someone loves their job, 'I almost feel bad about making money off this job'.

That's how many feel, some do it for the rush, some do it for the money and for others it's just plain addicting.

A number of students that

are a part of the Rescue Squad have been accused of "majoring in Rescue Squad", that's how dedicated a great deal of us have become in such a short time.

The Emergency Medical Services field is a way of life for some, for others it is a hobby you volunteer for once a week.

Volunteering is not only a great learning experience but also a very important asset to the community.

By being a part of Longwood Affiliate of Prince Edward Volunteer Rescue Squad, you are contributing to the Longwood community.

If you are interested in becoming part of this organization, please drop a note in LU Box 2936 and we can get you the necessary information.

campus is extremely limited. More information about Weed is available on his campaign website, at AlWeed2004.com. More

information about Goode is available at his House of Representatives web page, house.gov/goode.

Study Tour to Spain

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Website: <http://www.longwood.edu/staff/lgoetz/camino>
Application and Deposit Deadline: March 1, 2004

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First Faculty Forum Big Success

Dr. Jordan gives talk on Jordanian, Syrian Life and Culture

Chrissy Gray
Staff Writer

Last Thursday at 3:30p.m. twenty-five Longwood students and staff piled into a lounge in ARC to listen to Dr. James Jordan speak for the first ever Faculty Forum.

Dave Levy, REC for ARC and Stubbs, secured a grant from the American Democrat Project to have several Faculty Forums on campus. Dr. Jordan's speech was entitled, "A Longwood Lad in the Arab Desert." Dr. Jordan said he chose the topic because because of its clear relevance to the world today.

Dr. Jordan began the Faculty Forum by going into some of his background as an Anthropologist. "I was born in a small town in Western Pennsylvania," he said. Elaborating, Dr. Jordan spoke of his time at Indiana State College, located in Indiana, Pennsylvania,

where he received a Bachelor's degree in Economics.

Following college, he enrolled in the U. S. Army Medical Corps as a lieutenant, and began his teaching career. After three years, was given a federal grant by the Army to attend graduate school. Dr. Jordan attended the University of Connecticut, where he received a Master's degree in Sociology, followed by another Master's degree in Anthropology. Deciding he wanted a Ph.D., Dr. Jordan went to the University of Georgia and earned a PhD in Anthropology.

Dr. Jordan spoke about coming to Longwood in 1978, where he taught Anthropology and did archeology around the Farmville region. In 1985, the then President of Longwood, President Janet Greenwood, inquired about some of Dr. Jordan's students doing archeology in the Kingdom of Jordan.

Former President Greenwood

asked Dr. Jordan to join his students in Jordan. Six months later, Dr. Jordan traveled to Jordan to accompany his students.

Dr. Jordan exhibited many slides for his audience to look at. He spoke of the extreme lack of water in the area, which results in very little vegetation and other odd-ball facts, including that every tree in Syria has its own name.



Dr. Jordan concluded with a discussion of the urban center of Damascus, and even brought in some Syrian currency for the audience to look at. According to Dr. Jordan, present-day Syria and Damascus is a thriving "modern city with a symphony orchestra and various businesses." Dr. Jordan claims that Damascus is one of the "oldest human centers" on earth.

When asked if he would ever do another Faculty Forum, Dr. Jordan was extremely said he would, but said that he would do a different topic, such as the role of slavery in Virginia in the 1700's from an archeology perspective. As the most recent addition to Longwood's already exemplary roster of academic lectures, more Faculty Forums are schedule throughout the Spring 2004 semester.

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10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Listen for "The Caffeine Diary"
1-3 p.m.
WMLU 91.3 fm

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S.A.F.E. Meetings at
4:30 in the Student Union

Listen to "Alterna-Head" tunes
10-12 a.m.
WMLU 91.3 fm

Saturday
28

SAFER Campus workshop
ABC rooms
12 - 5 p.m.

Listen for "The Goldenfish Show"
10-12 a.m.
WMLU 91.3 fm

Wednesday
3

Come edit pages for
The Rotunda in your copious free time!

Tune in to "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil"
12-2 a.m.
WMLU 91.3 fm

Sunday
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SAFER Campus workshop
Commuter Lounge
12 - 5 p.m.

WMLU Meeting
9:00 p.m.
Hiner 2nd floor Auditorium

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Unity Alliance
8:00 p.m., Java Hut

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Want to join The Rotunda staff?
9:15 p.m. in the bottom of the Student Union!

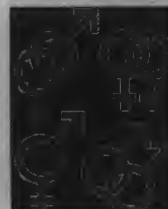
Listen to "Pimp Juice"
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Have something (anything!) for the calendar?
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Thursdays

8 p.m.

HOROSCOPES

by Sam Wise-Ridges

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan 19)

Hey, have you dumped your girlfriend yet?

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

That fake orange tan you pay \$40 a month for looks good....if you're going for the pumpkin effect.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

You're the most amazing person on the face of this planet. I'm so glad you're in my life.

Aries (Mar. 21-April 19)

Go on, Rock 'n' Roll all night...but don't you dare party every day.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

There really just isn't anything nice to say, sorry.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Stop flattering yourself. You may be great, but you can't wallow in it all the time

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Your weekend brings travel. Away from all those people you keep annoying.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Watch out for the Mexican boy scouts.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22)

If God had wanted you to wear that short skirt he would have given you better legs.

Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22)

Buy a new hat. Give it to a dog. Walk away. This was your lesson in spontaniety.

Scorpio (Oct. 23. -Nov. 21)

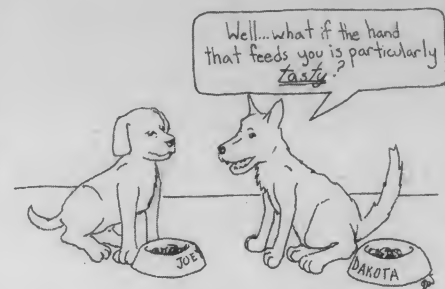
Happiness comes from the simple things in life. You are the happiest person in the world.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Go with that whim to eat everything you see. Just make sure you get their name afterwards.

Tongue In Cheek

by Ellie Woodruff



Ethical Dilemmas for Dogs.

Foot in Mouth

by Ellie Woodruff



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~SGA office Wednesdays at 9:30~

The Butterfly Effect: Still Giving People Something to Think About

Bobbi Thibo
Asst. Editor

The Butterfly Effect was released over a month ago and is still giving moviegoers something to talk about.

The story is based on a young man, Ashton Kutcher, whose traumatizing childhood causes him to use his inherited psychological disorder to go back into time and attempt to "make things right."

The storyline line is simply brilliant, intertwining elements of a science fiction thriller and intense drama.

The story itself was obviously well thought out and the cast did nothing but enhance the quality of the plot.

Alongside Kutcher was Amy Smart in the role of Kayleigh Miller, the physically, mentally, and sexually abused best friend and love interest of Kutcher.

Her performance in this show

was a far cry from her role in *Varsity Blues*, which she is mainly recognized for.

The wide range of lifestyles she has to portray and the expertise in which she handles them all is highly impressive.

Although the storyline was very creative and triggered psychological thought and contemplation, it took a while to pick up.

While there was constant action and kept the audience guessing what would come next, the actual direction in which the movie was taking was not hit on until later into the show.

While the basis of the story is an excellent idea, some would have to agree that the actual script could have definitely improved.

However, overall, *The Butterfly Effect's* awesome storyline and strong cast made the movie, although considered psychologically disturbing by some, a definite must see of the year.

Congratulations to the following students who will be inducted into The Honor Society of Beta Gamma Sigma

Rachel Amos
Morgan Atkins
Justin Christopher
Justin Cullivan
Patricia Davis
Amanda Denne

Jason Fleming
Brian Fowlkes
Andrea Hudson
Sharon Kania
Daniel King
Katie Moriarty

Renè Norton
Shafaali Nohria
James Paulette
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Ask TK—The Only Honest Opinion

Another week here at the office, and the mailbox is running dry.

Problems, questions, life changing decisions that you need help with, anything, e-mail me at tskeith@longwood.edu

On to the first and only letter.

Dear TK,

I have recently been having a lot of problems with my boyfriend.

The background story is that he lives two and a half hours away, and we have been doing fine up until now.

See, right now we are on a break because my insecurities have crept up again.

This past weekend something that could have been mistaken for drunkenness made my mind

wander a lot, even when he has never given me a reason not to trust him.

I get scared that he is going to meet another girl when I am here at Longwood instead of there with him.

I will never know about it if it does happen.

I know that he loves me but sometimes it scares me that his love isn't enough.

I freak out about the smallest things.

If you could give me some insight on how to make things right, and how to not be so abnormal when it comes to these kinds of things, that would be great.

Signed,

-Insecure Irene

Dear Irene,

It is possible that a

break would be the best thing for you right now.

Two and a half hours is quite a long way away, so it is respectable that you two have kept things together for this long.

Insecurities seem to be a odd reason for a break, especially if he was the one who asked for the break, and you are the one who is insecure.

Also, anything that can be mistaken for "drunkenness" should be clearer up immediately, instead of not talked about.

It seems as though we should trust everyone unless they give us a reason not to, but that's not exactly the case.

I would imagine that a lot of women have some of these insecurities, if their significant other lives miles away, especially if they live in another college environ-

ment.

The situation is simple.

It seems obvious that you shouldn't freak out about the little things.

If he loves you, then it is enough.

Love isn't something that can be "enough."

Love is such an abstraction; people view it as so different. Some people think that there are varying levels of love, and each means something different.

Some people believe that you can fall in and out of love, that you can love, and be, "in love with," and they mean two totally different things.

I once had a friend who said that love was ever lasting, all encompassing, and so much more than we as humans can actually conceive.

His girlfriend broke up

with him for another guy.

After a long time in several other relationships, she came back to him, still loving him as much as she did when they first met.

A love that is true and pure will last much longer than we expect it to, whether that is good or bad depends on the situation.

Time to think is always good.

Clear your mind and look within yourself, decide what you really want.

I do think that the break is a good decision.

If he decides that he wants to be with you then the time apart served its purpose, to find out what he really wants.

This is going to be a difficult time for you, but I have good faith it will end well.

Take care of yourself in the meantime and remember to not be so insecure.

-TK

Could Mother Nature Be Causing That Cold?

Amanda Segni
Staff Writer

The weather doesn't seem to make much sense these days.

Naturally, February weather is supposed to be cold, wet, and gross. However, it seems that Mother Nature loves to toy with us.

One day, we are wearing our hats, gloves, and jackets in the snowy and cold weather.

• Then the next day, it is 60 degrees outside and it feels so warm compared to the 20-degree weather the day before.

We break out the shorts and flip-flops, only to have it go back to being 20 degrees and have snow on the ground the very

next day.

It's the annoying, unpredictable weather that seems to be constant every year during the winter season.

Now, I know most of you are thinking that this weather is making you crazy, but most of all, making you sick.

However, you wouldn't be completely right about that whole "weather being the cause of colds and flu" old wives tale.

It turns out that mother nature isn't completely to blame for the colds that plague college campus world-round.

Although the cold weather can contribute to and seem to worsen our coughing and runny noses, it isn't the weather that

passes on the cold and flu germs, it's us.

Germs are everywhere. Lots and lots of germs.

The close quarters and limited ventilation that are commonplace in many dormitory buildings contribute greatly to the spreading of germs.

It always seems to be that if one person on your hall or in your close circle of friends is sick then everyone gets sick.

It may seem like you can't avoid getting sick no matter what you do, but you can.

In fact, there are many things that we might not even think to do regularly that can significantly decrease our chances of catching these germs.

Wash your hands. Just think of all the things that you touch everyday that are used by everyone else on campus.

The desks we use in class, the computers in the labs, and all the doorknobs and all the railings in stairwells that we touch.

Simply washing your hands before you eat can greatly decrease your risk of catching these germs.

And then there are those times that you just can't help.

Like when you realize that you are chewing on a pen that was left in the classroom by someone else, and all you can do is hope that the owner of the pen was an avid hand-washer.

Oops.

Though the cold and flu season is drawing to a close, the passing of germs won't stop when the cold weather does.

So take my advice and wash those hands as often as you can.

I am a firm believer that those pesky cold and flu germs could survive a nuclear blast or something. That might be why they stick around forever and a day.

So, in the meantime, wash your hands, take your vitamins, and maybe think about getting a flu shot next fall so that you up your chances of staying healthy throughout the winter.

So if you know what's good for you, you'll take this motherly sounding advice and actually use it, because it seems that mothers are always right about these sorts of things.

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Longwood Men's Basketball Finishes Losing Season

Sports Information

Longwood University lost its final two home games last week, 83-77 in overtime to Winston-Salem State University Feb. 19 and 76-45 to Utah Valley State College Feb. 21. The Lancers are now 4-21 this season and will play their final two games of the season March 4-5 in Fort Myers, Florida. Longwood will compete in a tournament hosted by nationally-ranked #14 Florida Gulf Coast University, along with Northern Colorado and Utah Valley State - pairings and game times have yet to be determined.

Against Winston-Salem State (16-11), the game was tied at 71-71 through regulation before the Rams outscored the Lancers 12-6 in the extra period. Longwood had rallied from a five-point deficit in the final 1:59 of regulation to force the extra period when freshman Michael Jefferson/Chesterfield made a game-tying three-point field goal with 31.8-seconds left. Winston-Salem State missed a potential

game-winning shot at the end (buzzer) of regulation. The Lancers had trailed 68-63 before Jefferson scored on a conventional three-point play to tie the game at 68-68 (1:15), and then tied it again with the three-pointer (31.8), that followed a three-pointer from Ram guard Rashad McGee (47). In OT, W-SSU led 77-76 with 2:21 remaining after another Jefferson basket, then outscored LU 6-1 over the final 1:45 of the extra period. Longwood had started the game fast, leading 29-14 with 8:05 left before halftime, and was in front 40-26 at 3:12 as Jefferson scored 16 first-half points. Winston-Salem State, however, fought back to within 40-35 at the intermission with a 9-0 run to close the half. The Rams continued strong in the second half, and took their first lead of the game at 42-40 with 17:11 on the clock. W-SSU continued its momentum and led 58-52 at 8:51, maintaining the advantage at 68-63 before the late-game activities already mentioned.

Jefferson finished with a game-high 26 points, adding six rebounds and three assists to lead the Lancers. Freshmen Husein Pistoljevic/Richland, Wash. (Hanford) and Maurice Sumter/Alexandria (T.C. Williams) each added 15 points to the effort, with Sumter also grabbing a game-high 10 rebounds for a double-double. He had six assists and five steals as well. Longwood finished the contest shooting 47% (28-60) from the field after a hot 58% (15-26) in the first half, including 40% (10-25) overall on three-pointers, and 52% (11-21) at the line. McGee scored a team-high 17 points along with four assists to lead six Rams in double-figure scoring. Vincent Sessoms added 15 points and six rebounds, Terris Sifford had 14 points and seven rebounds, John Adams scored 11 points, while Alegrgie Guinn and Jay Maynard each contributed 10 points. Winston-Salem State shot 53% (31-58) from the field overall with a torrid 65% (17-26) in the second half and OT,

including 46% (6-13) on three-pointers overall, and 71% (15-21) at the line.

Against Utah Valley State (19-5), it was a contest matching two institutions each in their first-year transition toward NCAA Division I reclassification. The Wolverines were led by Ronnie Price with a game-high 22 points, while senior Nathan Fortener/Hartford, Ky. (Ohio Co.) matched his career-high of 15 points to lead the Lancers on Senior Day. Longwood led early against Utah Valley State, taking a 5-4 edge at 16:26 of the first half on a basket from Jefferson. It would prove to be the only lead of the game for the Lancers as the Wolverines rode a 13-2 run to lead 17-7 at 12:52. The hosts closed to within 23-18 at 8:45 on a three-point field goal from Fortener, but Utah Valley State extended the advantage to 39-26 at halftime. Longwood managed to narrow the deficit to 43-33 early in the second half at 18:12 on a basket from Sumter. The Wolverines, though, took control with a 17-7 run to lead 60-40 with

9:29 remaining. Utah Valley State extended the margin down the stretch -- the final difference of 31 points being the largest lead of the game for the visitors.

Fortener's 15 points included 3-5 on three-pointers, and he added five rebounds for the Lancers. Sumter finished with nine points and a career-high four blocks, while senior Ryan Earl/Tustin, Calif. (Tustin) contributed six points and four assists. Jefferson, the team's leading scorer (15.2), was limited to four points on 2-11 shooting from the field. Longwood shot just 33% (16-48) from the field, including 24% (5-21) on three-pointers, and 67% (8-12) at the free throw line. Price's game-high 22 points led four players in double-figure scoring for the Wolverines. Carl Lee added 18 points and seven rebounds. Ryan Toolson had 16 points, including four three-pointers, and Pierre Thomas finished with 11 points and seven rebounds. Utah Valley State shot 47% (27-58) from the field, including 44% (7-16) on three-pointers, and 75% (15-20) at the line. The Wolverines took a 38-30 rebounding advantage, and had only five turnovers compared to the Lancers' 16 miscues.

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The Student Government association and the Office of Multicultural affairs are the Prime financial sponsors (transportation and housing). However, students are responsible for spending money (including subway fare) and meals. Additionally,

Students will live together, (four (4) per room), for the two nights near the University of Pennsylvania and Drexel University campuses.

The trip itinerary has not been developed and we welcome suggestions. However, WE will explore a number of diversity related themes/sites and allow students the opportunity to explore the city.

If you are interested in being a part of this journey, Please email (lcalhoun) or phone (395-2395) to receive more information and reserve your spot.

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Longwood Softball Wins, Season Record 3-4

Sports Information

February 23, 2004; Overall Record 5-6

Longwood University went 3-4 last week, sweeping a double-header at Barton, Feb. 22 after splitting another doubleheader at Wingate, Feb. 21. The Lancers are now 5-6 on the season and are scheduled to return to action this weekend, Feb. 27-29, as they host the Longwood Spring Softball Classic at Lancer Field. Head Coach Kathy Riley's squad will face Lock Haven (1 p.m.) and Shippensburg (3:30 p.m.) on Friday before taking on Lees-McRae (2:45 p.m.) on Saturday. Following Friday and Saturday's action the five teams, including Virginia State and West Virginia Wesleyan will begin single-elimination play for the tournament title.

At Barton, the Longwood pitching staff allowed only six hits and posted 17 combined strikeouts in two games to sweep the Bulldogs 10-2, 8-0.

In the opener, the Lancers scored all the runs they would need in the first inning, crossing the plate four times, sparked by a two-run home run from sophomore Shamana

Washington/Rhoadesville (Orange Co.) - her first of the season. Longwood added insurance runs in the second (1), third (4), and sixth (1) innings en route to the six-inning victory (eight-run rule).

Washington finished the outing 1-for-2 with a homer and three RBI, while senior Heather Williams/Brookneal (Appomattox) was a perfect 2-for-2 at the plate, including a sacrifice and a walk.

Junior pitcher Jen Steele/Manassas Park (Manassas Park) (3-4) got the win, throwing her fifth complete-game of the season (6.0 IP) with seven strikeouts.

In the nightcap, Longwood again cut the game short by scoring eight runs - four in the third, two in fourth, and two in the fifth - in just five frames of play.

Williams paced the Lancer offense for the second time of the day with her 2-for-3 performance at the plate including a double and a triple, while sophomore Tori Flint/Charlottesville (Albemarle) was a perfect 2-for-2. Freshman pitcher Abbey

Welch/LaPlata, Md. (McDonough) (2-2) earned the win, after hurling five innings, registering a career-high 10 strikeouts and limiting the Bulldogs to just one hit.

At Wingate, the two teams split the doubleheader, as Longwood defeated the host school 8-2 in the nightcap, after falling 4-3 in the extra-innings opener.

In the second game, Longwood took control of the game early, posting two runs in the first inning before registering the game-winning run in the top of the third.

The Lancers added bonus runs in the fifth (3) and seventh (2) frames to secure the road triumph.

Washington again led Longwood at the plate, recording two hits in three at-bats, including two runs scored and three RBI. Welch recorded her first collegiate pitching win, hurling her second complete-game (7.0 IP) of the season, along with eight strikeouts.

In the opener, the host school got on the board first, scoring one run in the third inning, before Longwood added a run of its own in the fifth.

The two teams remained even through seven innings and were forced to take the game into an

eighth inning. Longwood scored two runs during the extra frame, but Wingate overpowered the Lancers in the bottom half, crossing the plate three times.

Williams led Longwood with a double and an RBI, while junior Megan Camden/Bedford (Liberty) posted a double and an RBI of her own. Steele took the loss after going the distance (8.0 IP) with seven strikeouts.

Statistical Update

Through 11 games, Williams leads the Lancers with her team-best .444 batting average, on 12 hits -- including 4-for-5 over the weekend -- in 27 appearances at the plate.

She has also posted seven runs, two doubles, and a triple, along with six RBI.

Flint owns a .400 average, getting a team-best 14 hits in 35 at-bats. She has also crossed the plate six times and recorded a double and a triple, along with three RBI.

Washington has posted a .382 average (13-34), including a team-best 13 runs and a team-high five doubles, while sophomore Mallory Gordon/Powhatan (Powhatan Co.) has registered a .361 batting average, including five runs, two doubles, a triple, and

five RBI.

Others include Camden (.293, 6 R, 12 H, 2-2B, team-best 2-3B, HR, 7 RBI), juniors Alishia Stewart/Faber (Nelson Co.) (.278, 2 R, 5 H, 4 RBI) and Ashley Hawkins/Virginia Beach (Cox) (.278, 3 R, 5 H, 3B, 5 RBI), along with freshman Courtney "Pepper" Wilson/Mechanicsville (Lee-Davis) (.276, 9 R, 8 H, 2 RBI), Steele (.257, 7 R, 9 H, 2B, 3B, team-best 2-HR, team-best 10 RBI), Welch (.111, 3 R, 2 H, 4 RBI), and sophomore Julie Oaks/Stafford (North Stafford) (.100, R, H).

Welch continues to lead the Lancer pitching staff with her 0.99 ERA in 28.1 innings pitched with a team-best 33 strikeouts - including 18 over the weekend.

The freshman has also registered four complete-games in six appearances on the mound, while only allowing four earned runs. Steele (3.26 ERA) has pitched a team-high 43.0 innings, including five complete-games and 31 strikeouts, while allowing 20 earned runs. Following the home tournament, Longwood will remain at Lancer Field as they host Indiana (Pa.) March 4.

Longwood University Baseball Continues with 2-4

Sports Information

Longwood University won two of three games during its weekend series against Bryant (R.I.) College Feb. 21-22. The Lancers won back-to-back games by scores of 13-4 and 7-2 after dropping the series opener 9-8. Longwood will host another three-game series against the visiting University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown this weekend, Feb. 28-29, at Lancer Stadium - playing a doubleheader Feb. 28 at 12 p.m., followed by the finale Feb. 29 at 12 p.m.

Against Bryant in the series finale, Longwood pounded the Bulldogs for 16 hits, including three solo home runs, en route to the five-run home victory. The Lancers led 4-0 through four innings before the Bulldogs closed to within 4-2 in the sixth inning.

The hosts, however, answered

with single runs in the sixth, seventh, and eighth innings to secure the triumph. Seniors Brian Medley/Halifax (Halifax Co.) (3-5, RBI) and Louis Shackelford/Newport News (Denbigh) (3-3) each had three hits to lead the attack.

Medley closed-out the scoring with a towering home run to left field in the eighth inning, a blast that landed near the parking lot well-beyond the fence. Also hitting home runs were junior Robert

Gillis/Dartmouth, Nova Scotia (Auburn Drive) (2-4, RBI) and freshman Tyler

Childress/Montclair (Forest Park) (2-4, 2 RBI). Gillis' shot to right field was leading-off the seventh inning, while Childress put the Lancers on the scoreboard early with a first-pitch round-tripper to lead-off the second inning. Sophomore Danny McCraw/Pamplin

(Randolph-Henry) (2-4) and freshman Tyler Ames/Exmore (Northampton) (2-3, RBI) each contributed two hits as well.

Ames finished the weekend series an incredible 10-11 (.909) at the plate with four doubles and five RBI, going a perfect 10-10 before drawing a walk and then flying-out to center field in his last at-bat of the series.

Both Senior Evan Weinstein/Toronto, Canada (W.L. MacKenzie) (1-1) earned the pitching win with the first 6.1 innings, scattering 10 hits and two earned runs with four strikeouts. In the nightcap of the series-opening doubleheader, Longwood scored six runs in the second inning and led 10-0 through five innings en route to splitting the twinbill with a season-high 18 hits.

Ames (4-4, RBI) collected four hits to lead the Lancers, including three doubles, scoring two runs. Junior Chris Balus/Newport

News (Denbigh) (3-4, RBI) added three hits, including a solo home run in the fourth inning, scoring two runs as well. Medley (2-3, 2 RBI), Gillis (2-2, 3 RBI), Childress (2-4, RBI), along with freshman Zach Zigrang/Virginia Beach (Kempsville) (2-3, 2 RBI) each had two hits.

Medley hit a two-run homer in the second inning. Gillis has a solo shot in the fifth inning, and Zigrang hit a two-run home run in the sixth inning. Freshman Charlie Yarbrough/Richmond (Mills Godwin) (1-4, 3 RBI) also hit a two-run home run in the second inning.

Freshman Alan Moore/Richmond (Monacan) (1-1) earned the pitching win, his collegiate first, with the first 6.0 innings, allowing just one hit and two earned runs with six strikeouts. Moore pitched 5.2 innings of no-hit baseball.

In the opener, Bryant scored all

nine runs in the top of the first inning and held on for the one-run win. Ames (4-4, 3 RBI) led the way Lancers with four hits, including a double.

Freshman Hunter Williams/Richmond (Varina) (3-5) added three hits, including a double, while Medley (2-5, 2 RBI) contributed two hits -- also with a double. Yarbrough (1-4, RBI) hit a solo home run in the seventh inning for Longwood to make it a one-run game, but the Lancers did not score during their final two at-bats.

Sophomore John Hines/Smithfield (Smithfield) (0-2) took the mound loss with the first two-thirds of an inning, allowing six hits and eight earned runs with one strikeout. (Southampton) (5.1, 5K) and junior Darin Knicely/Elkton (Spotswood) (3.0, 2 K) kept the Bulldogs in check after the first inning.

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5th District Candidates Forum Brings Lively Debate to Longwood

Shawn Garrett
News Editor

The candidates for Virginia's 5th congressional district squared off Tuesday morning in a forum at Longwood University.

Incumbent Congressman Virgil Goode (R) and democratic challenger Al Weed both participated in the forum, the first of its kind to be held on Longwood's campus in memory.

The forum, held in Wygal auditorium, was co-sponsored by Longwood's new Civic Leadership Institute, the History, Political Science and Philosophy Department and the Political Science Club.

The candidates were given twenty minutes each to give opening statements regarding their platforms and then the forum was opened to questions from the audience. The questions were directed to both candidates who were each given a chance to

answer and then two minutes to rebut. At the end, each candidate was given five minutes for a closing statement.

Topics ranged from the Patriot Act to Medicare, Social Security and the No Child Left Behind Act. The theme of the morning, however, centered on jobs, and the best way to shepherd Virginia's 5th district through the economic lean times.

"I am one of those who believes the U.S. House of Representatives should focus on their districts first and then the country," said Goode, whose opening list-like remarks centered on his vision and contribution for a safer, more economically sound America.

Weed's statements took on the polished, stump-speech style of a presidential candidate,

rather than a local congressman.

"I call my vision for this district and America a new foundation," said Weed. "I see a future where politicians seek elections by bringing people together to build communities, not by finding ways to divide us. I see a future where our public policy is focused on providing the opportunity dreamed of by all Americans."

Weed also used the opportunity to directly attack his opponent, saying the Republican party is "naturally suited to the role of the

opposition" and comparing a Republican sent to Washington with a vegetarian sent to the butcher: "He is uncomfortable being there, he doesn't like talking to the people working there, and we're lucky if he brings back a little bit of bacon from time to time."

Goode defended his position on the Medicare Reform Bill and the Prescription Drug Bill, saying, "I have a vision of a 5th district where quality there is, affordable healthcare available to

overcome in life, from being on welfare with a single mother to having the opportunity to attend Yale and then enlist in the Army.

Weed also explained his success in the Virginia winemaking industry, helping to shepherd his one winery in Southside Virginia to 90 across the state.

On the subject of jobs, Weed conveyed his understanding of the plight of the workingman: "A fifty-year-old man whose life has spent on an assembly line is a poor candidate for retraining as a

computer programmer," said Weed, adding "A dollar spent on tax cuts generates only .thirty cents of GNP growth, while a dollar spent creating jobs generates 1.60 of such growth."

Weed also touched on healthcare, using the example of local Pillowtex employees who were laid off and lost

you [citizens of the 5th district]."

"Congress has passed the Medicare Bill," said Goode. "That measure increases the returns of hospitals, including Southside Community Hospital, and the other hospitals around the 5th district which supported that legislation."

"Medicare was established as a safety net for the elderly and the disabled. It was never intended to be a single-payer, government-run healthcare system," said Goode.

On the subject of taxes, Goode pointed to his record on Marriage Tax incentives and Child Tax credits as well as a raise in the maximum amounts allowed to be put into retirement plans and individual IRAs.

"I supported the legislation that allows for the deduction of the interest from student loans," said Goode. The measure allows for the deduction of the interest regardless whether the student itemizes or takes the standard deduction.

Weed, without a congressional record to stand on, used his time to relate the hardships he has

their healthcare when the company filed for bankruptcy in 2003.

"They join the 43 million other Americans who do not have health insurance. In Europe, it's entirely different. In Europe, everyone is covered. And strange as it may seem European healthcare costs are one quarter to one half what they are in America," said Weed.

On the subject of higher education in the state, both men agreed on the need for a new research institute in Southside Virginia. Both candidates mentioned a 50 million dollar sum put together by Martinsville investors for the construction of a new university there.

Virginia's 5th district includes a fourth of the state, stretching from Danville and the North Carolina border to the south to beyond Charlottesville in the north, and from Franklin County in the west to Brunswick County in the east. It encompasses seven medium-sized municipalities including Martinsville, Collinsville, Dansville, Bedford, Timberlake, Charlottesville and Farmville.



Bush Marriage Stance Stirs Campus Debate

Shawn Garrett
News Editor

On Tuesday, February 23rd, President Bush announced his intention to back a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage, solidifying his position and raising the stakes in a debate that has galvanized both conservatives and liberals across the country and here at Longwood.

Following a Massachusetts Supreme Court ruling last November that such a ban would be unconstitutional, the Court further underscored its position on February 4th stating that only full marriage rights for gay couples, not civil unions, would conform to the state's constitution.

The ruling has set plans in motion for Massachusetts to possibly become the first state in the Union to legally recognize gay marriages.

Bush has called the Massachusetts ruling "deeply

troubling."

"This isn't a new road," said Longwood's Unity Alliance co-president Walter Gray. "As with civil rights for African Americans and prohibition, we are deluding ourselves into thinking the inevitable won't come to pass."

The parallels between racial equality and gay rights are undeniable.

"Sexual orientation, like race, is beyond a person's control," commented freshman Melania Evans. "It's another form of legalized discrimination."

Malcolm Patterson, member of the national student Christian organization Chi Alpha, sharply disagrees with Evans.

"Sexual orientation is a preference, and therefore doesn't warrant special protection under the law," Patterson says. "If I chose to go out in public nude every day, would anyone argue it's my right to do so without legal consequences? Of course not."

The city of San Francisco, in open defiance of California law,

has preempted Massachusetts in recent weeks by becoming the first city to make marriage licenses officially available to same-sex couples.

Not everyone on campus sees the debate so clearly. As controversial a topic as gay marriage has become, many in the Longwood community are apprehensive to express a definite opinion either way.

"If someone's a good person, then they're a good person," said psychology professor Dr. David Stein, "and it isn't any of my business what they do in their own bedroom."

Virginia is already one of 38 states that currently bans state recognition of same-sex marriages. The recent debate, however, has spurred a slew of quick legislation, such as the Virginia House of Delegates decision to give preliminary approval to legislation that would ban the recognition of civil unions and same-sex partnerships performed in other states.

Words From the Editor



So I've been thinking a lot lately.

"A dangerous passtime, I know." (If you can

name where that's from - the hint is that it's my favorite Disney movie - I'll give you a hug.)

I usually don't give too much thought to political doings; I read the newspaper (a real one? my favorite professor asks) and keep up with *The Daily Show*, but I tend not to discuss what I learn, as it only gets me into trouble.

Tonight, I'm feeling fiesty, so trouble it shall be.

As you can see on page one of *The Rotunda* this week, a good deal of national attention, and local attention, has been on the issue of gay marriages and the subsequent basic rights.

I like to think of myself as a fairly normal person. I mean, I go to college; I pass my classes; I have friends; I've drank until I puked - you know, basic stuff.

The issue of sexuality for me is rarely an issue. I wouldn't even go so far as to call it an issue. It's just something that's there - kind of like my hair. Sometimes there are good days; sometimes there are bad days, but most of the time it is just there.

So it took me aback when the aforementioned favorite professor asked me, "How do you feel about being gay?"

Feel about being gay? Do I feel about it? My first reaction is "hands feel, people think." So, yes, maybe I think about it. I guess. Honestly, no one has ever asked me before. Really, I'm okay with it because, as I said before, there's nothing in which

I would not be okay. No more so than how okay I am with my hair. Is there anything I can really do about it? I'm an English major, not a genetics engineer.

Something I do think about is that I want a normal future. I want to be a high school English teacher; I want to be good at it (insomuch as that my students think of me and respect me in the same way I think about and respect my teachers, current crushes aside). I want to get married and have kids (four, to be exact). I want to find a church to be active in; I want my children to love the world the way I will love them.

That's not really too much to ask for, is it? I'm not asking for constant happiness or money or anything really out of reach. Just basic things. You know, human rights?

As Shawn mentions in his article on the front page, it's not too far of

a stretch from what racial minorities have been asking for since the foundation of our country.

Over break, I was reading the year in review in *The Blade*, which is the Washington area gay paper (for some reason, that sounds really wrong. Like it's a slight or something). Anyway, they had several pages of quotes, one of which is from my favorite Civil Rights activists, John Lewis (who is often overshadowed because he was never killed. You can look for him in the House of Representatives, doing what he's been doing all along). He said the following, which easily sums up my argument on the whole situation:

"We cannot keep turning our backs on gay and lesbian Americans. I have fought too hard and too long against discrimination based on race and

color not to stand up against discrimination based on sexual orientation. I've heard the reasons for opposing civil marriage for same-sex couples. Cut through the distractions, and they stink of the same fear, hatred, and intolerance I have known in racism and in bigotry."

I'm not in this for a reaction. I'm not in this to make a big scene. I just want to be like everyone else. I don't even care if you like me or not; I just want to be respected for an issue that, like my hair, I had no say in how it got to be that way.

And all I ask right now is that you not dismiss this. Consider it. Please?

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The Rotunda is an equal opportunity volunteer organization and is looking for people who are interested in writing or layout. We currently have positions available and ask anyone who is interested to come to our meetings, Mondays at 9:15 p.m.

From the Assistant Editor



Living on campus may suck due to lack of personal space, but if you think about it,

there really are some conveniences to being surrounded by hundreds of people your age.

When I was first rejected to live off campus, I'm not going to lie, I was livid. And while I'm still highly upset and greatly disappointed, a friend of mine recently pointed out some "positives" to living on campus.

Where else can you live where five of your closest friends can be reached by walking less than a hundred feet? I know that whenever I need any type of support, all I have to do is turn over and look to my roommate, walk through my bathroom to my suitemates, or at the very most, walk 25 feet to knock on the door down the hall to find another one of my best friends. Talk about the best support system ever.

Not to mention, being surrounded by your friends also means you are surrounded by their wardrobes. When again in your

life are you going to have free access to five totally different sets of clothes?

Chances are good that not all of you have the same exact style, so when you decide to shake your style up a bit for a day, it won't cost you a fortune. For a poor college student struggling with finances and fighting with parents for money, every little cent you can save counts.

Isn't it a comforting feeling knowing that when you're shopping with your friends and you find four different outfits that you both like, you can each buy two and share. Four outfits for the price of two! Community wardrobes aren't only great since everyone gets tired of their own clothes, but sharing is also very cost effective!

Living in the residence halls is also cost effective in other aspects. Don't have enough change to do a load of laundry, but have a shirt you really have to have for the weekend? Chances are that someone else is doing a load of laundry...throw your stuff in with theirs! Friends always share that kind of stuff. That's what they're there for.

It's a known fact that in the definition of a college student is the phrase "master procrastinator." This especially includes tasks such as writing papers. It never fails; you're up at 4:30 a.m. writing a midterm for your 9:30 class, and what else goes wrong but your printer chooses to just stop working. What are you going to do?

Well, if you're living in a residence hall, you save your paper to your hard-drive and go to bed without worry. When you wake up at 8:30 you'll go down the hall and knock on the door of one of your closest friends. They'll let you use their printer, even if you woke them up to do it.

So I leave you with this; the next time the music from the people below you is rattling your picture frames, just remind yourself that while you won't get much sleep until you go home for a visit, you do have access to an excellent wardrobe, and anything you could need in an emergency.

Bobbi Thibo

Bobbi Thibo
Asst. Editor

ACTIVIST

"If you're not mad, you're not paying attention!"

The "Activist" is your outlet for battling social injustice and things that suck. This is your chance to do something about societal evils, instead of just whining about them. So speak up and act up. Because, if you're not mad, you're not paying attention. E-mail Activist ideas to rotunda@longwood.edu.

Sea Monkeys: A Quite Tragic Tale

Tanner Keith
Opinion Editor

This past month I was pondering the meaning of life, and somewhere between the theories of existentialism and humanism, I decided that I needed something new in my life to define me as a person.

"But what?" I asked myself.

What sort of material possession or new philosophy expresses my self?

The answer came in the ad section of an old magazine.

Why, Sea Monkeys of course.

So I sent my one-dollar to the official Sea Monkey Corporation, got a fish tank, an underwater castle complete with treasure chest and skeleton, and waited.

Within a week I received three packets that were sure to bring a new light into my life.

Packet number one was the magical water purification powder, which seemed to be easy enough.

I filled the tank up with water and poured in the powder. While waiting for the water to purify, I confused the packet containing the Sea Monkey eggs with the flavor packet of my last Top Ramen Soup package.

So, in a panic, I dumped the Sea Monkey egg flavored Ramen noodles into the tank.

I decided to wait on the food packet, as the Sea Monkeys had noodles, and I did not. I waited. And waited. And waited.

Apparently Sea Monkeys are allergic to cheap college food.

I sent another dollar to the Sea Monkey Corporation, and waited another seven to ten days.

This time I took special care to see that packet two followed packet one (without the noodles).

After a few days, I began to see tiny specks moving around.

I did not see, however, miniature fish people smiling and raising happy families.

I saw specks. Outraged, I poked my finger in the tank to smite my creations, who then seemed to swim away, which caused me great

I had never before felt such guilt and remorse in my life.

I dropped to my knees and begged for forgiveness, wishing with every part of me that they would pardon my horrid deeds.

I took their tranquil floating as a sign that they died.

Pleased with my newfound friends, we began to do everything together.

We studied together.

We watched television with each other. We even shared our innermost thoughts and feelings. You know, guy stuff.

However, just as with any B-rated horror movie, something ugly was right around the corner.

The end was creeping closer, I could feel it.

The hundred and some odd hybrid brine shrimp that I loved very dearly, were about to be

taken from me.

I grew worried as the water seemed to darken.

The instructions said to stop feeding them if the water became cloudy, but I would never starve my own children.

Days passed, and the water darkened.

Eventually it became as dark as my soul would be if my beloveds perished.

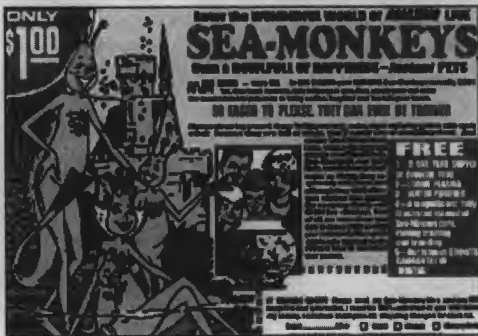
The tank began to smell of algae and death.

I didn't eat. I didn't sleep. I sat there, concentrating on the misty depths of my creation's home world, wondering what I could do to save them.

To this day I am not sure what brought me out of that depression.

I have never felt as miserable as I did that day I poured the corpses of my friends into the toilet.

The day the Sea Monkeys died.



props and drops

Props:

- + To the gym getting new free weight equipment
- + To Aramark for serving a variety of quality food to thousands of customers every day
- + To sunny days with a nice breeze
- + To people who have good grammar

Drops:

- To guys "too cool" to pick up chairs they knock over in the D-hall
- To students parking in F/S spaces while they go to class
- To people who don't throw away their tampon applicators - gross
- To an abundance of broccoli and cauliflower in the most random foods

Speak Out

What Would Your Porn Name Be?



"Sexy Lexi"

-Lexi Torrice
Freshman



"I can't be a porn star,
I'm Irish"

-Patrick Gorham
Freshman



"Peter Enormous"

-Dane Coates
Sophomore



"Magic Stick"

-Oliver MacAbre
Freshman

Documentary Producer to Speak at Longwood for 50th Anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education*

Kent Booty
Longwood Public Relations

Callie Crossley, an award-winning television and film producer whose documentaries have chronicled African-American life, will speak at Longwood University in connection with the 50th anniversary of the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision.

Ms. Crossley will speak

Thursday, March 18, at 7 p.m. in Wygal Auditorium on "Real Heroism, Reel History: The Significance of *Brown v. Board* and the Need to Keep Our Eyes on the Prize." She will be a Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow at Longwood during the week of March 15-19.

Ms. Crossley was a producer on the critically acclaimed PBS

documentary "Eyes on the Prize," for which she won an Emmy Award and was nominated for an Academy Award, and was senior producer on the documentary

"This Far By Faith: African-American Spiritual Journeys," which aired on PBS in June 2003.

She was a producer for the ABC News program "20/20" from

relations.

Now the owner of a Boston-based media consulting firm, Cross Channels, Ms. Crossley has been a Fellow at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and a Neiman Fellow, also at Harvard. She is a regular panelist on the weekly Boston TV program "Beat the Press," which examines local and national media coverage, and has appeared on CNN and NPR. Her awards include an Edward R. Murrow Award from American Women in Radio and Television and the Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Golden Baton, considered the most pres-



tigious award in broadcast journalism and the equivalent of a Pulitzer Prize.

Internationally Known Astronomer to Speak at Longwood, March 23

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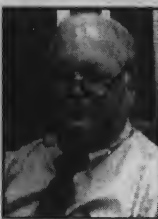
Dr. Charles Tolbert, an internationally known astronomer currently connected with the Leander McCormick Observatory of the University of Virginia, will speak Tuesday, March 23, at 7:30 p.m. in Hiner 207 on "Who Says There Was a Big Bang?"

Dr. Tolbert is a specialist in both optical and radio astronomy and has been active in the field of stellar classification, especially as related to variable stars and double stars. He also has studied the distribution of hydrogen gas in our galaxy at intermediate and high galactic latitudes. A full professor in U.Va.'s Department of Astronomy, of which he has been associate chairman since 1989, he is a popular teacher and

is particularly interested in public education in astronomy.

His talk is the first in a series by the Department of Natural Sciences that will consist of one nationally known speaker each semester.

The speaker for the fall will be Boyce Rensberger, a veteran science writer/science editor who directs the Knight Science Journalism Fellowship at M.I.T. and formerly worked for *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*.



A Judicial Board Did You Know?

Did you know that you are responsible for everything that happens in your residence hall rooms?

In the Student Handbook, it states that residents can be held accountable for any disciplinary infractions that occur within the confines of their room regardless of whether or not they were present at the time of the incident, if it can be established that their actions, or lack thereof, contributed directly or indirectly to the violation. This includes, but are not limited to, adjacent living spaces, shared room/floor spaces, lounges, resident hall entrance and the residence hall community in general.

Congratulations!

The Office of Leadership and New Student Program would like to congratulate the following students for being selected to the 2004 Orientation Leader Staff!

Megan Beazley	Giancarlo Coello	Monet Keeve	Craig Smith
Deanna Martinez	Matt Prickett	Mark Rutherford	Jen VanOort
April Mislan	Sarah Woiteshek	Nicole Broussard	Anne Hundley
Kim Lueking	Tawana Nowlin	Dave Ramirez	Colleen Schamber
Chris Tobey	Anne Thomas Greer	Patricia Carroll	

We look forward to working with you this summer, and thank everyone who applied.

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Social Work Majors Travel to California

Melissa Stinson
Guest Writer

Several Social Work students and one faculty member at Longwood University will be traveling 3,000 miles to Los Angeles, California during spring break.

The intention of the trip is to have Longwood University host a web page for a Psycho-Social Rehabilitation (PSR) Mall at Metropolitan State Hospital.

The PSR mall is an innovative treatment approach used to assist people diagnosed with a mental illness.

The Social Work majors are excited to be using state of the art technology and learning up-to-date innovative treatment approaches while offering service work in Los Angeles, CA.

We will be working with a world-renowned consultant from MCV/VCU's

Department of Psychiatry, Dr. Nirbhay Singh.

This is the first cross-country trip that the Longwood University's Social Work program has ever taken.

Alpha Delta Mu, the honorary Social Work fraternity at Longwood, is sponsoring the trip and Dr. Kristen McAleavey, assistant Professor of Social Work, has taken on the responsibility of coordinating and chaperoning the students.

Students going on the trip include: Andrea Walker, Alex Fitzhugh, Ashley McCormick, Lisa Mikkus, Melissa Stinson, and Tina Bowman.

For more information in learning about Social Work please contact our Social Work Department at Longwood University, Dr. Theresa Clark, Program Coordinator at 434-395-2346.



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ShamROCK and Run to Help Prevent Child Abuse

Press Release

Kappa Delta Sorority is proud to be hosting the 2nd annual ShamROCK and Run 5K race this Saturday, March 20th at 10 a.m. to benefit Prevent Child Abuse America and other local child abuse prevention agencies.

With spring weather right around the corner, it is a great opportunity to help prepare for summer attire, while supporting a great cause.

On Saturday, students and faculty will take a break from the gym. They're switching up the usual routine to participate in a charity 5K run/walk around campus in the warm weather to help raise money for a very worthy organization.

Back in 1983, Kappa Deltas across the country started the tradition of holding a Shamrock Event around Saint Patrick's Day to benefit the PCAA. Since then, Kappa Delta has raised more than 5 million dollars through annual Shamrock Event fundraisers.

In 2001, Kappa Deltas raised \$508,000 and donated over 59,000 hours to the prevention of child abuse. 100 percent of the funds raised through Kappa Delta's Shamrock Event will go to prevent child abuse. Eighty percent will stay in the local area and twenty percent will be given to PCAA.

The registration fee for the Kelly Fischer, the Kappa Delta ShamROCK and Run is \$3 in advance Philanthropy chair, at kafische@longwood.edu and \$5 the morning of the race. You may wood.edu



sign up in the Dining Hall lobby during lunch and dinner hours or with any sister of Kappa Delta. Registration will also be available on race day beginning at 9 a.m. followed by warm-ups at 9:30. The race will begin at 10 a.m. behind the Lankford Student Union.

Following the race food and drinks will be available, along with music. The winners of the men's and women's divisions will each receive a t-shirt and a gift certificate to a local Farmville restaurant.

Kappa Delta expects to raise even more money than last year for the PCAA through increase participation. Donations are also welcome and encouraged.

Kappa Delta hopes that the Longwood and Farmville communities are responsive to this event and embrace this excellent opportunity to support such a wonderful cause.

If you have any questions regarding the ShamROCK and Run, please e-mail

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Taikoza - Drumming Its Way to Campus

Press Release

When most people think of Japanese culture, they think of anime and martial arts. The music never really comes to mind. Now it will.

On Wednesday, March 17th at 8 pm, the Japanese drumming group Taikoza will be storming the Jarman Auditorium to entertain and bring to life the music of Japanese culture.

Taikoza is an ensemble that incorporates the music of Japan with a beautiful stage performance that commands attention. Taikoza's main focus is the Taiko, a large drum that has to be placed on a stand to play. Taiko has been an integral part of

Japanese culture for the past fifteen centuries. It is said that Taiko was used to drive away the plague and evil spirits. In the Shinto religion, it was used to call upon and entertain the gods, or kami, and in Japanese Buddhism, its sound was the manifestation of the voice of Buddha. The performance also includes the koto, shakuhachi, fue, and other instruments of Japanese origin.

Tickets are on sale now at the Jarman Box office. Tickets are FREE for Longwood students with ID, \$5 for Faculty/Staff, non-LU students & Senior Citizens, and \$7 for the General Public. This event is sponsored by the Series for Performing Arts & Lancer Productions.

If you drive on campus, you should read this!

Longwood to Close Madison Street to Through Traffic

Due to ongoing construction projects and safety concerns, Longwood University will close Madison Street to through traffic effective Wednesday, March 10. Parking lots behind Coyner/Hiner and the Jarman lot will still be accessible to faculty and staff. According to Longwood's Chief of Police Charles Lowe, "We are concerned about the safety of our students and employees. Madison Street is heavily used by pedestrians, especially students, and we need to take steps now to avoid an accident later." Madison Street was already scheduled to be closed to through traffic as the Brock Commons project nears completion.

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SPRING BREAK!

Be safe, be happy, enjoy the
time off!

Wednesday
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Taikoza Japanese Drums
8 p.m. in Jarman
Auditorium

FREE for LU Students
□5 Faculty/Staff
□7 General Public

S.A.F.E. Meetings at
4:30 in the Student Union

Athletics Academic
Banquet, 5:30 p.m.,
Salon A

Author's Series: Terese
Svobada, poet and writer, 8
p.m., Wygal Auditorium

Thursday
18

Longwood University
Commemorates Brown
v. Board - Woodrow
Wilson Fellow Lecture:
Ms. Callie Crossley,
television and film pro-
ducer, 7-8:30 p.m.,
Wygal Auditorium

Faculty Recital:
Christopher Swanson,
voice, and Pamela
Cordle, piano, Wygal
Auditorium, 7:30

Want to join The
Rotunda staff?
9:15 p.m. in the
bottom of the
Student Union!

Children's Theatre:
9:30 a.m. and noon,
Jarman Auditorium

Women's Lacrosse:
Virginia Tech, 4

Women's Studies Fair:
7-8:30, Ballroom
Lankford Union

Have something (anything!)
for the calendar? E-mail us
at rotunda@longwood.edu

Baseball: St. Thomas
Aquinas (2), 1 p.m.

Unity Alliance
8:00 p.m., Java Hut

Are you looking for an apartment for the spring semester?

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ARE YOU TIRED OF HEARING ANTI-GAY REMARKS?



DO YOU THINK PRESIDENT
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TECTING MARRIAGE?

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Unity Alliance needs your help!

Grainger G18

Thursdays

8 p.m.

HOROSCOPES

by Sam Wise-Ridges

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan 19)

Commas are the bane of your existence.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Use green pens, not red.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

March is your month of love.

Aries (Mar. 21-April 19)

I want you to eat at least three pieces of lettuce this month.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

If you can't remember, pretend.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Jackie Chan is your man.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Don't do smack, and you'll live to see the country's tricentennial.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Realize that dust has more consistency than that paper you wrote last minute.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22)

You may feel like half the man you used to be, but you've not changed mass at all, honest.

Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22)

Procrastination is a five-syllable word. Try it. See? You're real good at being a procrastinator.

Scorpio (Oct. 23.-Nov. 21)

Call your RTA! I've seen it in the stars that your computer will crash, due to an overload of porn downloads.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

The Gremlins are coming!

Tongue In Cheek

by Ellie Woodruff



Deep Fat Friar

Foot in Mouth

by Ellie Woodruff

Rules for stories and articles in the Rotunda:

1. Submitted.
2. Occasionally spelled correctly
3. Research Optional
4. When in doubt, use U-Wire
5. Lacking content? Offend some one instead.



6. Appease readers with a cute picture.

EW

Student Services Committee

"Your money, your education, your rights."

Did you know?

It's your right to appeal your final grade!

Come find out more tidbits like this, and learn how you can change things on campus.

~SGA office Wednesdays at 9:30~

Perhaps You Will Be Able to Use a Foreign Language

Dr. Wade Edwards
Guest Writer

So, it's time to register for the fall semester, and there it is: the dreaded foreign language requirement.

You've been putting it off for a few semesters now, hoping against hope that you'd find a way to satisfy that damn Goal 10 without sitting through three semesters of verb conjugations, impossible lab exercises, and silly little skits.

I'm mean, really: why do Longwood students have to take Spanish or French or German, anyway?

You've been speaking English your entire life and have nothing to complain about. You have no interest in traveling abroad, except maybe to Cancún or Canada, but everyone speaks English there anyway.

There's no possible way you'll ever use a foreign language for your career or your personal life: you don't plan to get a job or raise a family outside Virginia; your friends are all American; you don't watch foreign movies; you don't read foreign newspapers; and all the important novels were translated into English years ago.

Moreover, foreign language classes are a drag: they're frustrating and difficult and time-consuming, and the teachers won't speak English.

And, if you have to work a weekend job to afford Longwood in the first place, you'd rather not spend your hard-earned money on a class you are forced to take.

So, who needs a foreign language, anyway?

Well, the short answer is you. Even if it is expensive and exasperating and a bit unpopular, you need to know a foreign language.

Your future as a thoughtful, reflective, sexy person requires it. If all you know is English, then all you know is the English-speaking world.

The world, though, is a pretty big place, and monolingual Americans have access to only a little sliver of it.

It's true that English has become an indispensable language, a global language of priv-

ilege and power.

But there's more to the world than English can reveal.

Imagine if you could see only the color green.

You'd notice grass and trees and (American) money, of course, but, without seeing red, you'd never understand the significance of a red rose on Valentine's Day.

Without seeing blue, you'd never understand music from Memphis.

Without seeing black and white, you'd never understand the history of our country. If all you saw were green, you'd be blind to most of what the world is about.

Similarly, if all you hear is English, you are deaf to the concerns and contributions of most of the people on the planet.

We can express concrete things in many different ways, or course.

A beer is a bière in Senegal, a cerveza in South America, and a Bier in certain parts of Switzerland.

Because the United States is such a large and diverse country, we Americans know intuitively that people have different words for the same basic thing: a soda in Virginia is a pop in Ohio and a coke in Atlanta.

But words carry with them an important nuance of the people who use them, as anyone who has tried to explain grits to a Yankee understands all too well.

The word sorority, for instance, is very difficult to translate into French because sororities don't exist in France.

Campus life in the two countries is so different that to explain the word sorority to a citizen of France, you have to describe what it is and why it is important to American college students.

It's more than just a group of women, right?

Foreign languages express meanings and feelings and histories that English translations simply cannot convey.

Without access to foreign languages, there are some things we Americans simply could not know. As W.H. Auden once

wrote, "Language is the mother, not the handmaiden, of thought; words will tell you things you never thought or felt before."

While French has no word for sorority, English has no equivalent for the German Schadenfreude—that unseemly feeling of delight we get in seeing other people in distress.

If we're happy that Martha Stewart might soon go to prison, we are experiencing Schadenfreude.

We can explain the word in English, but we cannot capture its essence.

There is no English equivalent, and unless we understand German, we cannot understand what this word really conveys.

While we Americans know exactly what small talk is, and engage in it every day, the expression has no equivalent in German society.

As Dr. Reynolds just told me, "If you pass a German on the street and ask how she's doing, she'll give you a medical report."

o, why should you care that people in France don't know what a sorority is, or that you can't grasp the nuances of Schadenfreude?

If you plan to live in Virginia forever and become a teacher or a manager or a lawyer and never deal with anyone who isn't American, why should you sign up for a foreign language class now?

There are studies that show that knowledge of a foreign language increases a student's test scores and leads to higher salaries.

But, to be honest, there are more charming reasons to take a language class.

For one, the world needs people who understand one other, and, by enrolling in a foreign language class, you will help make your country and your world a safer place.

By and large, people in other countries understand Americans better than Americans understand them. Most college-aged Europeans have been learning English since they were in diapers.

By contrast, only 8% of American students study a for-

eign language.

The discrepancy is alarming for at least two reasons.

From a humanistic perspective, an education that does not include foreign languages shows a lack of respect for other cultures, other interests, and other points of view.

And, as we've witnessed in recent years, lack of respect for other cultures can lead to a culture war with devastating consequences.

From an economic or political perspective, though, ignorance of a foreign language places Americans at the mercy of non-Americans who know English.

If you are hesitant to enroll in a language class, think about this: monolingual people are easy to take advantage of economically, socially, and politically.

A second reason to feel good about enrolling in a foreign language class at Longwood is that it's counter-cultural.

It's radical.

It's different.

It's cutting-edge.

If you are among the 8% of students your age can understand a foreign language, you are bucking a trend.

Monolingualism is mediocre, mainstream, dull.

Polylinguism is atypical,

sophisticated, sexy.

No self-respecting college student wants to be like everyone else.

You don't want to live in a dorm.

You don't want to eat in the dining hall.

So, why, for crying out loud, are you happy speaking English? Everyone does that.

Can't you do something different?

Yes, foreign language classes can be difficult and demanding. Some of them even meet at 8 A.M.

But, the good life is never easy and the easy life is never good.

College should not be a comfortable four years.

If it is, you've wasted your time and your money.

College is a time to try new things, to learn about yourself, to learn about the world at large.

College is a time to rebel and think and grow.

If you sign up for French or Spanish or German next semester and take the class seriously - I guarantee you will learn to live at an angle to the monotony of mainstream.

You will become a rebel.

You will be sexy.

And while you're at it, you will work to make the world a safer, more colorful, more beautiful place.

Princes would like to recognize:

Phil Nusbaum
Mrs. Barbara Shepard
Matt Earle
Laura Mayhew
Josh Elder
Alicia Moody
Kari Clark
Longwood In-Line Hockey Team

Thank you for all of your good work!

The Search for a Cure Continues with Relay for Life

Nate Spencer
Staff Writer

Looking back on my time growing up, several role models stick out in my mind.

There are my summer camp supervisors, Bill Poinddexter and Adam Kaplan, who taught me that short people are cool too.

My roommate, Iain Gardner, has shown me the value of astounding tenacity as he repeatedly tries to cultivate in me a love of country music.

But among those role models I hold most dear is Charlie Miller, my former scoutmaster.

To make a long story short, Charlie intervened in my life during a period many boys hit around the age of 16-18.

It's that age that I've heard

described as the "time of fumes-gas fumes and perfumes."

He taught me important lessons that I carry with me to this day about having faith in another person and also about buckling down and focusing on a goal with an attitude of confident perseverance.

Charlie Miller--still one of the most cheerful and optimistic men I know--is currently battling pancreatic cancer.

The Relay For Life is a yearly event sponsored by the American Cancer Society to celebrate exactly these kinds of people.

These people are survivors of cancer, both the ones who have conquered it and the ones who, against all odds, manage to retain hope and live life to the fullest

against a foe they ultimately may not be able to conquer.

This year's event coordinator, Amanda Kregiel, says that this year's event promises to be better than ever.

The theme for this year's event, which will be held from 7 p.m. on Friday, April 2 until 7 a.m. on Saturday April 3, is "Physical Activity."

The focus is on the fight for cancer through physical fitness and will feature a conglomeration of activities.

Along with the usual Survivor Ceremony and Lap beginning at the kickoff of the event, the RFL committee has slated a number of musical acts to play during the evening prior to midnight such as Woodburn Road, Race the Sun,

and Dean Fields.

After midnight, DJs from WMLU will be playing personalized selections of music.

In accordance with the theme, the night will be full of relay events and the Rec Center will be doing Aerobics.

There will also be trivia games as well as a special Miss Relay event reminiscent of the Miss America pageant.

Odds are becoming almost infinitesimally slim that anyone will get through life without either experiencing cancer for herself, either personally or through the eyes of a loved one.

The Longwood University Relay For Life is a relatively new phenomenon and is gaining steam, but they need your help.

They are extending this opportunity to off-campus teams as well as teams from Hampden-Sydney College, a move that has been met with favorable results.

If you would like to form your own team, don't hesitate to come to a Captain's Meeting in the Wheeler back lounge at 8:30 PM on Wednesdays or contact Amanda Kregiel (alkregie@longwood.edu).

Thanks to Amanda and all the coordinating staff members, committees, captains, and participants who are making this happen.

Longwood University's own Relay For Life event will continue to build in popularity and effectiveness as we all push to support the search for a cure.

See you on April 2nd!

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The Last Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse

Paula Kay Nusbaum
Rolfeighdon Intern

Louise Erdrich's novel *The Last Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse* chronicles almost a century of the lives of the Native American tribe that inhabits the Little No Horse.

This novel centers on the life of the local priest, Father Damien Modeste.

On his deathbed, Modeste relates his experiences to a visiting priest, Father Jude Miller, who is making an official inquiry on behalf of the Vatican into the possible sainthood of one of

Modeste's nuns, Sister Leopolda.

During this inquiry, Modeste reminisces on nearly a century of secrets, lies, and murders that have plagued his reservation, including his personal demons.

Modeste himself is hiding the fact that he is a woman, and on his deathbed he struggles with his concerns about what the impact this revelation will have on his community and their faith.

Throughout the novel, the reader experiences Modeste's struggle with his two identities.

As readers, we are able to accept and understand Modeste's

dilemma with his identity and struggles to bring Christianity to the reservation, sympathize with his failures, and rejoice in his successes.

The dual identity is presented in a very logical and understanding manner, so that we do not criticize Modeste for his decisions, rather we are compelled to sympathize with his struggle to keep and maintain his secret.

This National Book Award Finalist is not only a pleasurable read but also an insightful look into Native American customs and culture.

INTERNATIONAL PERFORMANCE NIGHT!

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Women's Basketball Finishes Season 17-9

Sports Information

Longwood University went 2-1 last week, defeating Southern Virginia, 79-70, Feb. 25 in Lancer Hall, before splitting a pair of games at the Converse (S.C.) Tournament - defeating the tournament host 74-48 Feb. 27 and falling to Pittsburgh-Johnstown 73-62 Feb. 28 in the championship game.

The Lancers close-out the 2004 campaign with a final 17-9 overall record.

Against Southern Virginia, Longwood jumped out to an early 15-8 advantage at the 13:50 mark of the first stanza and continued to stretch the margin by as many as 11 points off the efforts of senior Ebony Smith/Palmyra (Fluvanna Co.) and junior Amber Mason/Virginia Beach (Princess Anne). The duo each registered double-figures at the intermission, scoring 10 and 12 points, respectively,

while junior Marita Meldere/Ruijens, Latvia (Lynchburg Christian) fought hard on the boards, pulling down a team-best eight rebounds prior to the break.

The second half featured more of the same. The Lancers picked up right where they left off, scoring 13 unanswered points to take the decisive 53-38 lead and control of the game with 16:02 left to play. Longwood relentlessly extended its advantage during the period, going up by as many as 24 points (69-45) courtesy of junior Ashley Mason/Virginia Beach (Princess Anne) and freshman Rebecca Charles/So. Charleston, W.Va. (So. Charleston), who combined for 15 points during the scoring spree. Despite a late second half rally by the Knights, that brought the visiting squad to within nine points, the Lancers were able to fend off the attack and secure the home win.

Smith finished the contest with a season-high 17 points, including one

three-pointer, while registering four assists, two steals, and five rebounds in 29 minutes played. Smith was aided by Ashley Mason who also posted a team-best 17 points on 6-for-10 shooting, including 5-of-7 from the foul line. She also contributed three assists and seven rebounds, while twin Amber Mason added 16 points on 7-for-11 shooting and grabbed six rebounds. Senior Erica Marcum/Charleston, W.Va. (George Washington) rounded out the Lancer offense with her double-digit night of 13 points, shooting 3-of-6 from beyond the arc, while dishing out four assists and picking up four steals. Longwood shot 43.7 percent (31-71) from the field, 27.8 percent (5-18) from three-point territory, and 66.7 (12-18) at the stripe.

At Converse, junior Catherine Dunn/Aberdeen, N.J. (St. John Vianney) recorded her first double-double in a Lancer uniform to help Longwood defeat the All-Stars for its sixth-straight win. Dunn finished the

contest with 11 points and 10 rebounds, while dishing out four assists.

Head Coach Shirley Duncan's squad outscored the host school 34-15 in the opening period, sparked by 10 first half points from Smith. Longwood continued to add to their lead in the second session as three Lancers finished the outing with double-digits. In addition to Dunn's 11 points, Smith closed out the contest with 14 points, while Ashley Mason contributed 10 points to help Longwood secure the road win.

Longwood also fought hard on the boards, doubling Converse's rebounding total 61-30. Dunn and Amber Mason combined for 22 of the team's season-high 61 rebounds, pulling down 10 and 12, respectively. Smith and Ashley Mason also registered nine boards apiece. The Lancers shot 34.5 percent (30-87) from the floor, including 22.7 (5-22) from three-point territory and 75.0 (9-12) at the foul line.

Against Pitt-Johnstown, the two teams changed the lead three times and tied the game three times before the Mountain Cats pulled ahead 18-16 with 8:33 left in the half off a field goal to enter the intermission with a 33-28 advantage.

The second half featured more of the same, with five more ties and four additional lead changes. UPJ finally took the 59-57 lead and control of the game with 4:14 remaining.

The Cats outscored the Lancers 16-5 over the final minutes to secure the victory.

Meldere paced the Lancers with her 15th double-double of the season of a team-best 22 points and 19 rebounds, while Amber Mason posted 16 points on 7-for-11 shooting and grabbed six rebounds.

Smith also contributed 11 points and seven boards. Longwood shot 31.9 percent (23-72) from the field, 22.7 percent (5-22) from beyond the arc, and 64.7 percent (11-17) at the line.

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| 16th - Women's Lacrosse - Virginia Tech | |
| 17th - Athletics - Athletics Academic Banquet | |
| 18th - Baseball - St. Thomas Aquinas (2) | |
| 19th - M&W Tennis - Gardner-Webb | |
| 21st - Women's Lacrosse - St. Francis | 23rd - Softball - Hampton (2) |
| 24th - Baseball - Southern Virginia (2) | 28th - Baseball - Columbia Union |
| (2)29th - Baseball - Saint Augustine's (2) - 1:00 | |
| 30th - Women's Lacrosse - UC-Davis - 4:00 | |

To the Longwood Student Community,

On March 19th-21st, the office of Multicultural affairs, the Multicultural Advisory Committee, and The International Student Advisory Club will host the annual diversity Days bus exploration to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

We invite inquiries from all interested citizen leaders to share this group learning experience and return to the campus with a renewed sense of activism related to diversity and pluralism.

The Student Government association and the Office of Multicultural affairs are the Prime financial sponsors (transportation and housing). However, students are responsible for spending money (including subway fare) and meals. Additionally,

Students will live together, (four (4) per room), for the two nights near the University of Pennsylvania and Drexel University campuses.

The trip itinerary has not been developed and we welcome suggestions. However, WE will explore a number of diversity related themes/sites and allow students the opportunity to explore the city.

If you are interested in being a part of this journey, Please email (lcalhoun) or phone (395-2395) to receive more information and reserve your spot.

There are a limited number of seats available for this trip. If you are interested, please respond at once. Reservations will be taken on a first come first serve basis.

So act now!

Thanks, Office of Multicultural Affairs

Baseball Continues with Sixth Win

Sports Information

Longwood University swept two doubleheaders from visiting Pittsburgh-Johnstown Feb. 28-29 at Lancer Stadium. The Lancers won consecutive games by scores of 11-10, 9-3, 20-3, and 6-5 to increase their current winning streak to six-straight wins. Longwood, now 6-4 overall, will have a week off before hosting first-year program Seton Hill (Pa.) March 7 at Lancer Stadium - a scheduled 1 p.m. doubleheader.

In the series opener on Saturday, Longwood scored five runs in the 7th inning to tie the game at 8-8 and force extra innings in a contest scheduled for seven innings. The Lancers, who led 3-0 after two innings before falling behind 8-3, then matched Pittsburgh-Johnstown's two runs in the 8th inning and scored the game-winning run in the 9th inning when freshman Zach Zigrang/Virginia Beach (Kempsville) (2-5) stole home on an attempted double-steal with an LU runner at first base. Senior Brian Medley/Halifax (Halifax Co.) (5-5, 2 RBI) led a 15-hit attack with five hits, including three doubles while scoring three runs. He was the runner on first when Zigrang stole home for the decisive run as well. In addition to Zigrang's two hits, junior Robert Gillis/Dartmouth, Nova Scotia (Auburn Drive) (2-5) also collected two hits for the Lancers. Freshman Tyler Childress/Montclair (Forest Park) (1-5, 2 RBI) hit a clutch two-out, two-run double in the 7th to tie the game (8-8), just missing a walk-off home run as his double hit the base of the fence in left field.

Freshman Charlie Yarbrough/Richmond (Mills Godwin) (1-4, RBI) also hit a two-out RBI double in the 7th inning to keep the hosts alive, while classmate Matt Fitzgerald/Fairfax Station (Hayfield) (1-1, RBI) added an important two-out, pinch-hit RBI single in the 8th inning to tie the contest at 10-10 -- Fitzgerald's first collegiate hit. Zigrang also earned the pitching win in relief, his first collegiate win, with the final 1.1 shutout innings, allowing no hits with three strikeouts.

In the nightcap of day one, Longwood fell behind 3-0 in the top of the first inning before scoring eight runs in its first two

at-bats en route to the convincing victory. Junior Chris Balus/Newport News (Denbigh) (1-4, 2 RBI) put the Lancers on the board in the 1st inning with a two-run home run. Freshman Tyler Ames/Exmore (Northampton) (2-3, 2 RBI) and senior Louis Shackelford/Newport News (Denbigh) (2-3) led the nine-hit attack with two hits each, including a two-run single in the 2nd inning by Ames. Freshman Alan Moore/Richmond (Monacan) (2-1) earned the pitching win with his first collegiate complete game, scattering six hits and three earned runs with six strikeouts over the 7.0 innings.

In the opener on Sunday, Longwood broke open a close game (4-1) with 10 runs in the 4th inning, and took advantage of 15 hits and five Pittsburgh-Johnstown errors en route to the 17-run victory.

Medley (4-6, 6 RBI) led the attack with four hits, including a three-run home run in the 4th and a three-run double in the 5th inning. Balus (3-4, RBI) and Yarbrough (3-5, 2 RBI) each collected three hits in the contest, including a double by Balus and a two-run single by Yarbrough in the 3rd inning. Shackelford (1-4, 2 RBI) and freshman Hunter Williams/Richmond (Varina) (2-3, 2 RBI) each added two RBI to the effort, including a two-run double by Williams in the 4th.

Sophomore Mike Brown/Courtland (Southampton) (1-0) earned the pitching win with the first 5.0 innings on the mound, scattering five hits and three earned runs with one strikeout.

In the nightcap of day two, Longwood rallied from an early 2-0 deficit through three innings and scored the game-winning run in the bottom of the final 7th inning with two-outs.

Ames (2-2, 2 RBI) had the game-winner, a two-out single to left field scoring Gillis (2-4, RBI) who had hit a two-out double to keep things going for the Lancers.

Medley (2-3, RBI) also added two hits for Longwood. Zigrang (2-0) got the pitching win in relief, his second in two days, with the final 1.1 shutout innings, yielding just one hit with two strikeouts.

Men's and Women's Tennis Update

Sports Information

Men's Tennis - Longwood University split a pair of road matches last week, defeating NCAA Division III Lynchburg College 7-0 Feb. 28 after a 7-0 loss at Division I High Point University Feb. 25. The Lancers are now 1-2 overall and will play at Division I George Mason University March 5.

At Lynchburg, Longwood won all singles and doubles matches in straight sets. In singles, freshman Rashko Patnikov/Bankya, Bulgaria (Smirnenski) won at #1 (6-3, 6-0), as did junior Chris Newman/Chesapeake (Hickory) at #2 (6-1, 6-0), sophomores Ian Young/Bowie, Md. (Eleanor Roosevelt) at #3 (6-3, 6-1) and Diego Quiros/Quesada, Costa Rica (Maria Inmaculada) at #4 (6-1, 6-0), senior Garrett Green/Fredericksburg (Stafford) at #5 (6-1, 6-0), along with sophomore Justin Dorsk/Virginia Beach (Kempsville) at #6 (6-1, 6-2). In doubles, Newman and Quiros won at #1 (8-5), as did Patnikov and Green at #2 (8-1), along with Young and Dorsk at #3 (8-2).

At High Point, Longwood was unable to secure any team points against the unbeaten

Panthers of the Big South Conference.

Season Records

Patnikov leads Longwood with his 5-4 record in singles, followed by Quiros (5-6), Dorsk (3-2), Green (3-4), Newman (2-6), freshman Tyler Sinsabaugh/Glen Allen (Hermitage) (1-0), Young (1-7), along with sophomore Dan Conte/Midlothian (Monacan) (0-1). In doubles, Newman and Quiros are 2-1, followed by Patnikov and Green (1-2), along with Young and Dorsk (1-2). During the fall, Patnikov and Newman were 1-3, followed by Quiros and Young (1-4), along with Green and Dorsk (0-1).

Following the George Mason match, Longwood is scheduled to host Division III Mary Washington College March 16 in a contest re-scheduled from Feb. 24.

Women's Tennis - Longwood University lost its only match played last week at NCAA Division I High Point University by a score of 7-0. The Lancers are now 1-2 overall and will play at Division I George Mason University March 5.

At High Point, the Longwood doubles team of freshmen Romana Bucur/Brasov, Romania (Joan Mseota) and Jenn Edwards/Newport News

(Hampton Roads Academy) won at #2 (9-7), though the doubles competition was worth just one point (for two of three wins).

Season Records

Bucur leads Longwood with her 4-6 record in singles, followed by seniors Laura Whitehurst/Chesapeake (Western Branch) (2-3), Cecilia Robinson/Lynchburg (Brookville) (2-4), and Danielle Hess/Bel Air, Md. (Bel Air) (1-2), freshman Lexi Torrice/Richmond (Douglas Freeman) (1-2), sophomores Ashley Moore/Midlothian (Midlothian) (1-2) and Jessica Farr/Williamsburg (Lafayette) (0-3), along with freshman Nancy Hott/Fairfax (W.T. Woodson) (0-4) and Edwards (0-5). In doubles, Bucur and Edwards are 2-1, followed by Hess and Torrice (1-0), Hess and Edwards (1-1), Bucur and Hott (0-1), Torrice and Robinson (0-1), and Robinson and Whitehurst (0-2). During the fall, Moore and Whitehurst were 1-2, followed by Bucur and Edwards (0-1), along with Farr and Hott (0-2).

Following the George Mason match, Longwood is scheduled to host Division I Gardner-Webb (N.C.) March 19.

Women's Lacrosse Starts Season with Victory Against Limestone

Sports Information

Longwood University, ranked #4 in the Lacrosse Magazine Preseason Division II Poll, defeated #6 Limestone 16-10 Saturday afternoon in the 2004 season opener at Lancer Field. With the win, the Lancers post a 1-0 mark on the season, while the Saints are 0-1 overall. Head Coach Janet Grubb's squad will remain home to host NCAA Division I Siena Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. at Lancer Field.

Against Limestone, the visiting school got on the board first, finding the back of the net at the 27:45 mark. Longwood quickly retaliated, scoring back-to-back goals within 35 seconds of each other to take to 2-1 advantage. The Lancers continued the scoring spree, tallying 10 goals before the intermission, while limiting the visiting Saints to just two more goals. Following the break, the Saints

made a late second session rally, netting four goals in nearly three minutes to narrow the margin. However, LU maintained the lead, adding six goals of its own to secure the home win and extend its record at Lancer Field to 12-1 over the last three seasons.

Longwood played a balanced offense against Limestone with nine different Lancers recording goals. Junior Emily Bikowski/Fairfax (Bishop O'Connell) paced the Lancers, finding the back of the net four times.

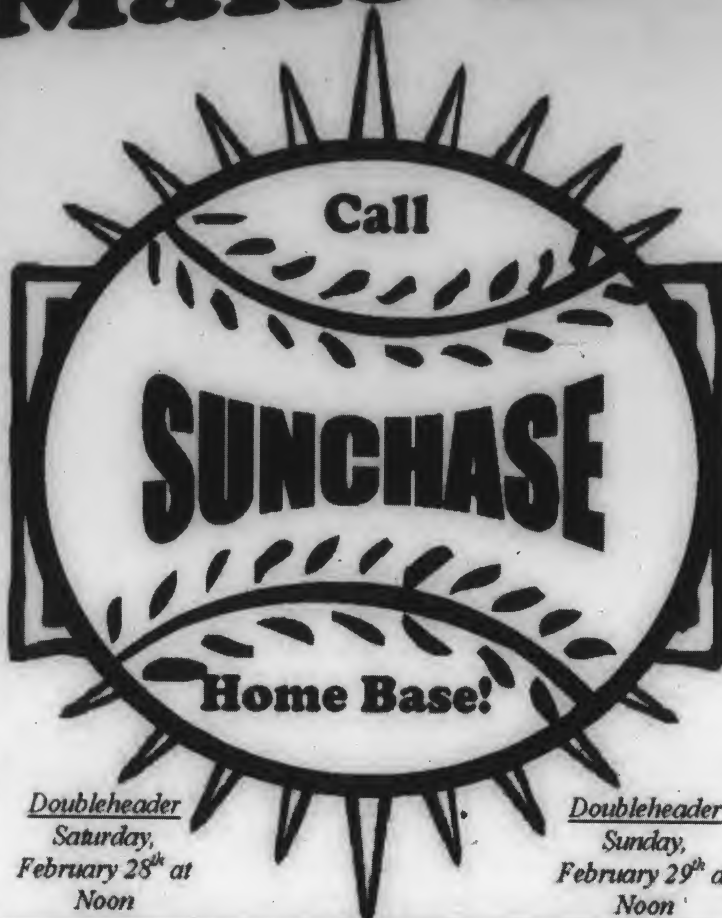
Seniors Carlee Ullery/Keswick (Albemarle) and Tia Richardson/Ellicott City, Md. (Centennial) each scored twice, while juniors Isa Cohen/Mineral (Fairfax) and Leanne Kibler/Oakton (Oakton) also registered two goals. Cohen and Kibler also combined for seven of the team's nine assists, dishing out

three and four, respectively. Senior Kristy Taylor/Lorton (Bishop Ireton), sophomore Ali Shafer/Fairfax (Fairfax), along with freshmen Cathleen Strain/Alexandria (Mt. Vernon) and Jenn Shipp/Charlottesville (Albemarle) tallied a goal apiece, while Taylor distributed two assists.

Senior veteran keeper Stacey Schmidt/Berlin, N.J. (Eastern Regional) and sophomore Emily Wilson/Owings, Md. (Northern) split the match evenly, as they both guarded the net for 30 minutes. Schmidt got four saves on six shots during the match, while Wilson recorded three saves on 11 shots.

Pam Gateau and Meghan Dennehy led Limestone with three-goals each, while keepers Jackie Weaver and Brandi Daigle combined for 12 saves on 32 Longwood shots on goal.

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VA Budget Impasse Looms Large for Longwood, State

Shawn Garrett
News Editor

Five days into a special session to break a budget impasse, the Virginia General Assembly decided to resume negotiations after a rare and sometimes contentious Sunday meeting.

Talks were agreed to begin again today, and the earliest House lawmakers would agree to meet after 17 largely fruitless days of negotiation that have nerves flared and tempers short.

Citing a need to return home for a while and listen to their constituencies, the House recessed until Saturday. The Senate, calling a recess of more than three days unconstitutional, decided to return today.

Sen. R. Edward Houch, D-Spotsylvania, blamed the House for the snail's pace progress on the budget, reported the Associated Press.

"Something is wrong with this charade," he said. "Our conferees are here; they're ready to do the work. Why in the world would we prolong this process by the conferees taking another three or four days to even start to meet?"

The Assembly took the final steps to return the budget to conference after a Senate attempt to rewrite a House bill, repealing some industrial and business sales tax exemptions, failed.

Though considered unlikely, the unprecedented failure to adopt a new two-year budget has many local leaders and their lawyers talking seriously about how to manage the political and legal consequences if the state's budget stalemate drags on for weeks or months.

Aides to lawmakers, members of Gov. Mark R. Warner's administration and local government officials are actively discussing "what-if" scenarios: What if school systems don't know how many teachers they

can hire for next year? What if local governments can't pass their budgets? What if the stalemate leads past the June 30th deadline and the state government shuts down July 1?

"It's really difficult for the institution to know how much to charge for tuition and budget for financial aid," said Brenda Atkins, Longwood's Executive Director of Governmental Affairs. Longwood, which hopes to receive an estimated \$124.5 million from the Assembly over the next two years, joins many cash-strapped colleges in the state in worries over a possible budget deadlock.

Longwood's Board of Visitors met last Friday and Saturday to discuss the financial outlook of the upcoming year. Although the Board approved language leading to between a five and nine percent bump in next year's tuition, nothing can be done until definite budget projections are made available.

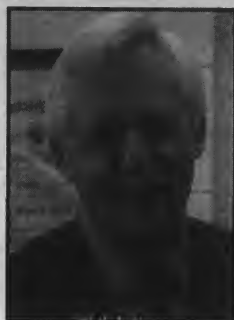
Atkins characterized the setbacks as "particularly hard" on state institutions, saying that Longwood has received "no guidance whatsoever" on how to plan with an unknown budget. Though the deadline is not until June 30th, the Board needs the budget information by April in order to take appropriate action.

"Usually by this time in the year we would be working on next year's budget," said Kathy Worster, Longwood's VP for Administration and Finance.

"There are three different budgets we have to consider," Worster said, "the House's, the Senate's and the Governor's, which is why the Board had to come up with three different tuition scenarios."

When there is a shortfall between State appropriations and funds needed by institutions, the institutions are expected

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Last fall, Dr. James Pirkle came to Longwood, his wife's alma mater, committed to the University's rich heritage in preparing student educators and professionals and to enhancing student professional development opportunities.

As director of Professional Services, Dr. Pirkle supervises and coordinates all state and overseas internships, field experiences and student teaching placements. He is also in charge of getting licenses for all graduating teachers,

Director of Professional Services Brings Extensive Experience to Longwood

library media, special education, and graduates.

Opening students' minds to opportunities and possibilities is very important to Dr. Pirkle. "In our department, we want to help all students become the best quality teacher possible, to know that their dreams of becoming a topnotch teacher can be realized," said Dr. Pirkle.

It is his and the University's strong commitment to students that make him especially mindful of the spirit of Longwood.

"In addition to believing strongly in our students, I also believe in Longwood's mission of generating graduates who are exemplary teachers, yet who are also committed in their own ways to being quality leaders and notable citizens, not just sideline observers," he said.

Dr. Pirkle is from Chattanooga, TN. He earned a B.S. in secondary education from the University of Virginia; an

M.S. in speech communication from Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois; another M.S. in educational administration and supervision from the University of Tennessee, and his Ph.D. in educational leadership and support from the University of Florida.

Dr. Pirkle brings to Longwood extensive and varied experience. He has been a teacher, principal, curriculum coordinator, superintendent, professor and dean. For 17 years he and his wife lived abroad, mostly in England, but at one point he served as the assistant superintendent of the Department of Defense Overseas Schools Benelux District located in Brussels. Shortly afterwards he was chosen as the Superintendent for the eight Camp Lejeune Dependents Schools system in Jacksonville, NC. In recognition of his exceptional leadership as superintendent,

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Board of Visitors Approves Tuition Hike Possibilities of 5, 8, or 9 Percent for 2004-2005

Kent Booty
Longwood Public Relations

The Longwood University Board of Visitors during its meeting March 20 approved a range of tuition and fee increases for 2004-2005 in accordance with the final Appropriation Act for the same fiscal year.

Under the three tuition and fee scenarios, which are based on budgets proposed by the Governor and both houses of the Virginia General Assembly, tuition would be increased by 5, 8 or 9 percent, which would mean an average increase in total costs for in-state residential students of between 5.1 and 6.2 percent, and for out-of-state residential students of between 5.0 and 7.1 percent.

As of yet, the General Assembly has been unable to adopt a budget for 2004-2006.

In addition, the Board also

took the following action during the meeting:

*it allocated \$403,000 from the university's Auxiliary Reserve Fund to complete and extend Brock Commons.

*it promoted to full professor Dr. William Abrams (mathematics), Dr. Barbara Chesler (education) and Dr. Charles Kinzer (music), and promoted to associate professor Dr. Deborah Frazier (education), Dr. Elizabeth Kocovar-Weidinger (library science), Dr. Linda Lau (computer information management systems), Dr. Mary Lehman (biology), Dr. Susan Lynch (therapeutic recreation), Dr. Paul Moriarty (philosophy), Dr. Michelle Parry (physics) and Christopher Register (art).

*it granted tenure to, from the above group, Dr. Chesler, Dr. Frazier, Dr. Lau, Dr. Lehman, Dr. Moriarty, Dr. Parry and

Register, and also to Dr. Cheryl Adkins (management), Dr. Drew Harris (management) and Dr. Hood Frazier (English).

*it granted emeritus status to Dr. Edna Allen, associate professor of social work, who is retiring after this semester.

*it appointed six new faculty members, two in history and one each in chemistry, English, mathematics and children's literature. All will replace faculty members who left or are retiring.

*it approved faculty salary ranges.

*it revised administrative policies related to inclement weather/emergency closings and information technology, and also revised policies and procedures in the Student Handbook.

*and it approved an audit plan for fiscal year 2005.

Words From the Editor



This afternoon, I took a trip to Southside for my leg.

I know, right?

Suicide?

I'm usually not a big worrier when it comes to my health, but when I explained the pain to my dad, he said it sounded like a blood clot.

Crap.

I've been tested most of my life for iron levels (my dad gets clots because of a really high iron count and gets blood out every month), and I usually wind up somewhere in the normal range.

But my dad was my age when he got his first clot, and genetics are a wonderful thing, so to Southside I went.

My friend Janet sat with me in

the waiting room, after which you can't have visitors for some obscene amount of time, and she had class anyway, so off she went.

The nurses were really nice, and the overall experience wasn't nearly as bad as people make it out to be.

But I'm alone getting a sonogram and kind of freaking out because the whole thing is just weird, and they've got the sound on, and everything hurts.

Have you ever heard your insides before? It's really cool, but, at the same time, it's really unnerving.

And all I really want my dad who is all the way in Florida on business.

The only other time I've been in the hospital in recent memory, it was the middle of the night, and I was sixteen, and he

was there, holding my hand while I cried.

And I wasn't about to call my mom because she wouldn't be able to drive down to Farmville anyway, and she would freak out more than I was at the moment anyway.

But that gets me thinking, you know?

When am I too old to want my parents to come take care of me?

When am I too old to have someone by my side?

As an "adult" do I have to start going it all alone?

Am I even really an adult yet? I sure don't feel like it. Because I sure am about to burst into tears, which looks even sillier than normal when you are by yourself and your ass is hanging out of a gown that is swimming around the rest of you.

How do older people that don't have significant others deal with

this?

I think of my grandma this summer who had her husband, daughter, son-in-law, and three granddaughters by her side, holding her hand through morphine withdraw, making sure she ate, keeping her company, etcetera.

But I'm alone and shaking and squeezing the claw clip that's been holding up my hair. Open, close. Open, close. Squeak, squeak, squeak.

And I'm fanning my face with my hands when I feel like I'm going to pass out after they take blood.

And when I've got an IV in my hand, and it may or may not hurt worse than most things in this world.

And isn't it really mean to drip salt water into an open wound? That occurred to me as well.

I want nothing more than to

not be alone.

It's funny, I think, how just this morning I was writing my journal for mythology about my admiration for Antigone because she never lets down the people who need her most.

And for a minute, I wish she were there beside me (with her mouth shut because everything she says just irks me).

But then it's already been three hours, and they say I'm fine, and they take out the IV.

And I'm still alone, but maybe I'm a stronger person for this.

Probably not, but I'm out of space, and that's a better sounding ending anyway.

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The *Rotunda* is an equal opportunity volunteer organization and is looking for people who are interested in writing or layout. We currently have positions available and ask anyone who is interested to come to our meetings, Mondays at 9:15 p.m.

I Am Just a Freshman, Or Am I? The Rotunda's very own news editor tackles the hardest collegiate question of them all

Shawn Garrett
News Editor

It is a common sentiment shared by far too many: the lower on the food chain, the less you can do. Nothing, however, is further from the truth.

As my freshman year will draw to a close later next month, I am reminded of all the instances wherein I was made aware of my seemingly low stature.

In several cases dealing with such varied groups as the Office of Cashiering to the Registrar's office, to my friends and fellow students, whenever I got up the nerve to complain about something or get involved in some way I was told repeatedly (sometimes not so politely) that I should sit down and shut up.

Though some angst-ridden underclassmen tend to take things out of proportion, the sense that many upperclassmen look down on them for their newness cannot be denied.

Freshman also have the added disadvantage of being new and inexperienced in an environment that tends to reward those in the know.

Fall registration is a perfect example of this. With no mass emails or campus posters-almost no indication at all, really-many underclassmen have found themselves unaware that they can register this week.

Seniority has its place, I'll warrant you, and going from king of the hill in high school to last in line in college comes as a shock, but the label of freshman need not come as more than that-a label.

They might as well change the distinctions to blue, red, green, and yellow, or up, down, right and left-it makes no difference.

As a freshman, I have been able to secure positions on the editorial boards of two publications, get a job other than the dining hall, and seriously begin work toward my two majors, side-stepping some of the more cumbersome

and tedious aspects of the Gen Ed. Requirements.

Freshmen I know have earned positions on the SGA, countless organizations, gotten administrative action taken, or started organizations of their own.

There have even been many famous freshman throughout history, such as Edgar Allen Poe, whose first (and only) year at UVA has been much lauded by the university for decades hence.

But seriously, being a freshman puts you, literally in some cases, at the end of the line, but it needn't make you insignificant.

As the newest members of the Longwood community, I feel freshmen have the most to give, infusing the campus with new creativity and vitality with each passing year.

Sophomores, juniors and seniors have their place, and the right to be respected and rewarded for their success, but they don't have the monopoly on involvement.

Here's to the freshman.

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Why Exactly Is It Illegal?

Anonymous

In the not so distant past people used to take time to enjoy life. Today Americans are caught up in the "politically correct" haze that has become a cultural disease to our people. The idealism that drives "progress" today has forced the Americans with true American spirit underground by labeling them as criminals. Our lifestyles have changed into a consistent stream of distraction and the desire to personalize our world and our space. People have become isolated in "their lives" and have forgotten that we all live here together. The greater scheme is lost in our culture.

Terrorism is a direct product of everything that is wrong with American culture. Those who hate us and our way of life are the ones we can learn the most from about ourselves. As a kid in school, I was worried about my image and didn't understand how to be cool or popular. Being popular was the only thing that mattered to me.

Then, I was set free. I got my truck and went on a mission to find people I could have fun with. I was no longer isolated in the school system and started learning about real life on my own. My greatest lesson was a product of smoking marijuana leaves. As a rookie smoker I tried to smoke as much as I could afford and get as high as possible. I met many kids who felt the same way and we were labeled potheads. We didn't care. We were the loudest people, the wildest people and the closest friends. We were rebels. We are Americans.

Just before I went to college I tried the only other illegal substance I have used.

Mushrooms damaged me mentally and I am still in the process of recovery from one week of my life. I ate them 5 days out of that week. If you have never tried them you cannot understand the level of confusion that occurs the first time you use those kinds of drugs. I found out a lot that week. I learned the danger with those drugs. My mind wanted that feeling so bad I couldn't resist it when I saw it. Marijuana was my Gateway to these drugs. I didn't know any better. I was ignorant.

This is a problem. Why in all the years I spent in public education wasn't I told why drugs are bad?

Because I didn't have anything to relate it to, it is indescribable to a kid.

Drugs are hidden from kids like an unspoken temptation. Their parents don't understand this because they lived in the 60's and 70's when cocaine and hard drugs ran wild. They can relate why drugs are bad because they have seen a culture of hippies, devoted to all kinds of drugs, living in another world all the time.

The kids still don't understand. I was lucky enough to scare myself away from hard drugs by realizing the addiction involved. Now I smoke pot occasionally. Why. It's better than alcohol when used in moderation. There is no argument of this fact except by those who have not used it. People who haven't ever been drunk can't understand the feeling of being drunk. The feeling of being drunk is followed by sleep and a bad headache. Rest and relaxation follow the feeling of being high. Alcohol is harsher on the human body and mind than marijuana when it is abused. I smoke cigarettes. I hate cigarettes. They make me feel horrible when I smoke too many or when I'm sick and I can't resist the urge to light

one up. This addiction is unique (like heroin). I don't get anything from it but my body wants nicotine to kill the craving and ... Example: In thinking the last sentence I have triggered the mechanism in my brain to make me want a cigarette, and because I can't think clearly when I am feeling this constant craving I will not finish my sentence; I will go smoke a cigarette...

The kids still don't understand.

Now I only smoke enough to kill the craving. When the craving is gone I throw the rest away. I am in the process of quitting. I am improving my life.

Now I get back to my mission.

The only downside I have experienced with marijuana is the short-term memory loss associated with smoking heavily. The same is true for those who drink heavily on a regular basis. The difference is in the progression of a marijuana abuser. Naturally, I have learned that smoking small amounts on occasion is all I need to deal with the conflict between the speed of society and my natural desire to take my time and enjoy life. Alcohol can provide the same satisfaction, but people have a tendency to indulge in things that make them feel good. As an alcoholic indulges they get wild, depressed, loud, obnoxious, stupid, and sometimes downright crazy. As a pothead indulges they do nothing, they lose all motivation. Which is worse for you. You understand my point.

How many people do you know who smoke pot? How many people who drink? Which ones are better friends?

Alcoholics drink in front of their kids. Smokers smoke in isolation from everyone because it is illegal. Their children only see that they spend time alone for a while and come back happier and calmer.

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props and drops

Props:

- + To Only one month of class left!
- + To Rofunda next week!
- + To Being able to wear open-toed shoes.
- + To knitting.
- + To *The Daily Show*

Drops:

- To people who think they're God.
- To people who suds fountains.
- To putting in 4 work orders and still not getting a response
- To people who just can't grow up.
- To registration. It's hell.
- To the sticky stuff that stays on after you take off a bandaid.

Speak Out

Where do you see yourself next semester?



Eventhough I'm a sophomore, hopefully I'll be living off campus.

-Katie, Sophomore

Wherever I'm living I'll in my room all day, because I'll be taking 18 credits.

-Casey, Sophomore



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Then they grow up and figure it out. The same way alcoholic children figure out why their parents use alcohol, they experiment. Which would you prefer your child to use if pot was legal?

Children can't be sheltered from these things, many people have tried, children need to be educated rather than left to make the decisions that can harm them most on their own. One day they will be free Americans.

The main argument against weed today is the irresponsibility of children who smoke. They are telling children that their decisions are making them irresponsible.

Their message is good but their information is twisted.

They blame marijuana, but the truth is kids don't understand the effects of drugs or alcohol and they do them more to try and understand what is going on.

Maybe they should ask their parents the same way they always have when they don't understand something. "Oh that's right, it's illegal."

Those who shelter their kids the most are the ones who did not experiment as kids and live life in fear of things they don't understand.

Their kids learn this and grow up to experiment with things their parents never did, and a void is created where the parents no longer understand their kids behavior because the kids are forced to keep secrets.

Why do so many people hate police officers when their job is to serve and protect? Why do officers now harass those who give them the most trouble?

Because we are smokers,

smokers naturally fear getting caught; therefore we do not cooperate with law enforcement. If we want to kill the use of hard drugs in America we need to classify criminals as criminals and potheads as potheads.

Legalize it, and the pot smokers will eventually be considered normal people; which will in turn further isolate those who use hard drugs, making them more easily identifiable.

No one likes a crack head. Everyone likes a pothead; everyone except cops.

We are the pain in the butt that makes their job harder because they are forced to try to catch us, when we are obviously still just as smart as them. We avoid capture. Hard drug users stand out and get caught. They are sent to jail where they become educated criminals.

However, the pot smokers are also criminals in jail with the rest; forced to adapt to the jail culture and they come out hating cops like all criminals. These are the victims. They are the uneducated kids.

As a people we need to live slower, to open our eyes and minds, to eliminate electrical distractions. Electronics are the most popular addiction in our culture. We use them like a drug to pass the time, to waste our lives with inactivity. The benefit is communication, the problem is self-indulgence, isolation, and the illusion is that computers can solve all of society's problems by giving people something to do by themselves.

Our society is hated by other cultures because we are isolationists in a world where people must stick together to survive. We

have made our point in that we will not be threatened by terrorist regimes, but we have been influenced whether we like it or not.

We can use this influence as a wake up call to why a culture is based partially on hatred of our way of life, or we can just hate them back. The creation of hatred creates WAR.

We must learn from our enemies and stop giving people legitimate reasons to hate us. The legitimate reason is our efforts to perfect life with gadgets and money when we are blind to the things that truly plague us.

Americans free your selves.

Now is the time to change.

Open your mind.

Focus on understanding what's real and not your image.

If you need help, smoke some pot and listen to the music with a message (Bob Marley).

If I never smoked weed I would not be able to understand these things because I wouldn't have tried.

I would have lived in the illusion of American culture.

Racism plays the big role. Because black people and Mexicans are more open about their culture smoking marijuana, those who have racist views of these people want to label them criminals.

White government representatives for example.

You should be angry reading this no matter who you are.

We'll see whose voice is louder, the racist Americans or the rest of us.

Sucks being singled out doesn't it.

Letter to the Editor

I have been attending Longwood University since my freshman year, and this past fall (the start of my sophomore year) I was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer. I left school temporarily to begin treatment in Houston, TX and I am pleased to say that I am now in full health and will be returning to Longwood again this fall.

My trouble lies with housing, and disability services. In January, housing approved me to live off-campus when I return in the fall, according to my doctor's wishes. We had planned on myself, and two roommates living off-campus. After I signed the lease for an apartment, it was brought to my attention that rising juniors would no longer be permitted to live off-campus. I was worried, but assumed that Longwood would make an exception in my situation given my doctor's wishes.

When I return in the fall, I'll need minimal assistance living - help reaching things, getting things off of the floor, I can't stand for long periods of time without becoming fatigued. I have a special diet where I need to cook for myself each meal, and living on-campus with a meal plan would be a royal pain.

Given some new mild limitations, I would be uncomfortable

able living by myself off-campus - but that is now what it has come to. My two roommates applied to live off-campus with me citing special needs, and my oncologist in Houston wrote a letter for them, stating it would be beneficial to have people living with me.

The ADA (disabilities committee) reviewed my roommate's request, and denied them. My roommates are both rising juniors, but I am outraged that the ADA believes their housing policy takes precedence over my doctor's wishes. Now I will be forced to live by myself off-campus. Both of my parents are furious that Longwood fails to cater to my needs, and likely values the room and board money they will be receiving from my two roommates, over my well-being. I myself am honestly just shocked over the entire situation - up until this year rising juniors have been moving off-campus, and I can't believe that even given my circumstances, the school refuses to release my roommates from a housing contract. Since when did money and policy override a student's well-being at Longwood? Oh wait, always.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Morgan

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Longwood University will celebrate National Student Employment Week April 4-10, 2004. This first full week of April, honors student employees and their employers. The theme chosen for this year is "Courage, Vision, Risk--Focus on the Future."

The Work Experience Program gives student employees the opportunities to grow both professionally and personally. Working students and their employers are citizen leaders and provide immeasurable contributions to their schools and to their communities. National Student Employment Week provides a chance to focus on the importance and value of students who work, and the positive results of work experience.

As part of this week's festivities, a "Student Employee of the Year" and a "Supervisor of the Year" will be selected. Supervisors are asked to nominate students from their areas who have demonstrated exceptional abilities and made special contributions to their departments for this academic year. In addition, student employees are also encouraged to nominate their supervisors. Students or supervisors who have not received nomination forms should contact the Student Employment Office. The deadline for nominations is March 23. Winners will be announced at the Student Employee Appreciation Dinner on April 6, 2004. All work experience students and supervisors are invited to this dinner, which will be in the Dining Hall Annex beginning 5:15 p.m. Students will use their ID's to go through the food line; commuter students must contact the Student Employment Office (x2211 or ngarrett@longwood.edu) to have their names placed on a guest list.

The Career Center, along with the Longwood faculty and staff, wish to take this opportunity to show their appreciation to all those work experience students who have assisted them in performing the daily activities of the college. All students, staff and faculty are encouraged to celebrate this week by showing the employees and each other how much they are appreciated.

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A "Passion" for the Visceral

Trevor Kroger
Staff Writer

Much hype has been made of Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" and for a variety of reasons.

I'm going to avoid the shaky ground of scripture here and just examine the film itself.

First off, this is not meant for the weak stomach.

Within forty-five minutes, Christians will see their personal savior flayed into a bloody mess.

I definitely do mean flayed. Skin will be flapping in the air.

With lingering slow motion shots of each nail being driven into the flesh, the crucifixion is no less graphic.

However "powerful" that may sound here, rest assured it is not.

Gibson uses more slow motion video than "Baywatch." He slows down every scene of torment so the audience can discern quite clearly the texture of blood draining, not dripping but continuously streaming, out of Jesus' bodily orifices.

The gore factor builds perpetually with no real respite, creating a detached numbness.

Like I said, this movie is not for those who lack strong stomachs.

Flashbacks to various sermons are scattered throughout the scourging.

Unfortunately, these diatribes come off as forced and haphazard with no real transition or relation to the concentrated violence.

Quite frankly, after the fifth or sixth slow motion shot (and yes, they are all slow motion) of Jesus falling with the cross, I didn't feel the drama.

The repetition took much of the meaning out of the scenes.

What I did feel was Mel Gibson punching my forehead with brass knuckles, screaming, "This is important!"

Any charges of Anti-Semitism you may have heard are valid.

However, it is only apparent to those looking for it or already agreeing with such views.

The Jews in the film are gener-

ally portrayed as a collection of corrupt, sadistic, lying, frothing at the mouth rabble.

This would be of little importance if the Romans had been portrayed similarly, rather than as rational, temperate, and rather compassionate- particularly to Jesus.

Pilate, the Roman governor who condemns Jesus to death, is an intelligent and sympathetic character who valiantly fights for the life of the Christ.

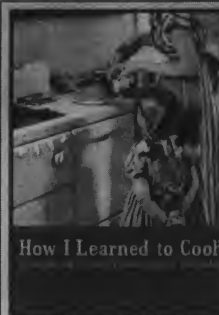
Jesus himself comforts Pilate by saying the rabbis and Pharisees are committing the greater "sin."

And did I mention Jesus speaks fluent Latin?

All in all, the film was a grotesque lovechild of high melodrama and Charlie Manson's home movies.

Only go see this movie if you enjoyed "House of 1,000 Corpses" or demand that your beliefs be validated in the graphic conversion of a human body to dog-food on a stick.

Books in Brief: *How I Learned to Cook*



Stephanie McKenzie
Rotunda Intern

The stereotypical mother teaches you how to bake cookies, bandage cuts and bruises, and check under the bed for monsters rather than creating one of herself by threatening to poison dinner, placing tacks in her spouse's shoe, or merely distancing herself from her children.

Such monster mothers do exist, however, and these women are the focus of a new collection: *How I Learned to Cook and Other Writings on Complex Mother Daughter Relationships*.

This collection of memoirs is the collaboration of several authors who share their own

experiences of the quite often tragic relationships they have with their mothers.

While many horrific instances are related, distance and denial seem to be the key stumbling blocks to successful mother-daughter relationships.

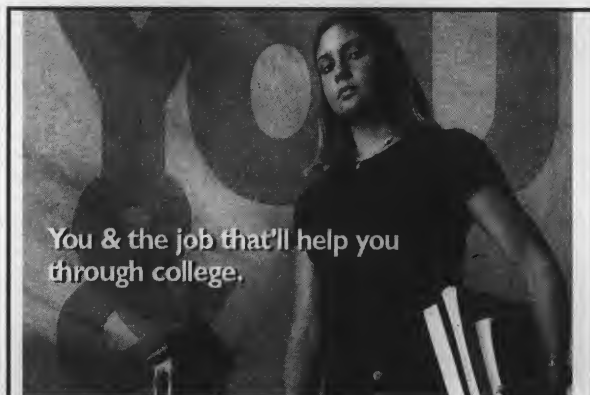
This collection is not about success, however it renders the truths about complex relationships to let women know that they are not alone in their personal struggles.

How I Learned to Cook and Other Writings on Complex Mother Daughter Relationships is a collection of awareness.

Even if you and your mother are best friends, this book is still a eye-opener.

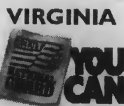
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Longwood Theater Presents: *Eleemosynary*

Amanda Isley
Guest Writer

The 2003-2004 Longwood Theatre season closes with the touching drama, *Eleemosynary*, by Lee Blessing.

The title is a scholarly word meaning charitable or the giving of alms. The word fits this play and its characters aptly.

Eleemosynary depicts three generations of the Westbrook women. All three women have distinct personalities, and often clash with one another.

Dorothea (Longwood senior Anna Richardson) is an eccentric lady who believes she can fly with a pair of homemade wings.

Anna's daughter, Artie (Longwood junior Courtney Kappel), on the other hand,

refuses to break the laws of nature, but settles for testing them as a scientist.

Artie gives birth to Echo (Longwood senior Aubrie Therrien), a bright girl with the best attributes of her mother and grandmother. A spelling-bee champ, Echo attempts to bring together the two women she loves.

These unique women discover there is a common thread running through them all, connecting them forever.

Become a part of this family and share the laughter and the trials of the Westbrook women, and come fly with Dorothea, flee with Artie, and reflect with Echo.

Eleemosynary will be performed in the Studio Theatre of Jarman

Auditorium, opening April 2-3 at 8 p.m., with a matinee April 4 at 3 p.m.

The run of the play continues April 5-8 at 8 p.m., April 16-17 at 8 p.m., and April 18 at 3 p.m.

Eleemosynary is directed by 2003 Longwood graduate Bobby Vrtis. Scenic Design is by Eric A. Koger, with Costume and Makeup Design by Patt Ness, Lighting Design by Christine Causey, and Sound Design by Drew Moberley.

Tickets are now on sale and may be purchased at the Jarman Box Office, or by calling (434) 395-2474.

Box Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 2-4 p.m. This production is considered family entertainment.

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Books in Brief: *Fahrenheit 451*

Stephanie McKenzie
Raleighdon Intern

Ray Bradbury sparked his career with this innovative novel inspired by an encounter with a policeman who questioned Bradbury's right to walk on a sidewalk after dark.

The success of *Fahrenheit 451* led to such works as *The Martian Chronicles*, *The Illustrated Man*, and *Something Wicked This Way Comes*.

These novels gave Bradbury the fame of being one of the greatest science fiction writers of our time.

Fahrenheit 451 is set in a time when emotion and free thought are considered dangerous.

The novel gives insight into the importance of communication as the reader is introduced to a world wherein firemen start fires instead of putting them out.

The novel is centered around Guy Montag, a fireman who questions his career and his whole way of life when he is drawn to the knowledge hidden inside the books he burns.

Truly haunting is the resemblance between Montag's society and our own.

There is something new to be discovered with each reading.

Fahrenheit 451 forces to reconsider the beauty of the written word and the importance of recording our emotions and inspirations into books, which are preserved for the future.

A highly recommended read for those unfamiliar with Bradbury as well as those who know his works by heart.

Article unedited by Rotunda staff.

Chili Cookoff!

Once ARAMARK gets your organization's recipe, the will purchase and prep all the ingredients on your list!

Dates to Remember:

Monday, April 12th: Last day to get recipes to ARAMARK by 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 15th: Chance for groups to meet with Joyce Morris on final recipes and questions. Grand Dining Hall at 4:00pm.

Saturday, April 17th: Meet Joyce at Lankford Mall to get your ingredients and begin cooking.

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REMEMBER: You'll have to taste your chili in front of us before the judges will!

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Calendar

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Listen to "The
Caffeine Diary"
1-3 p.m.
WMLU 91.3 fm

Vagina Monologues:
8 p.m., Jarman
Auditorium

Saturday
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Vagina Monologues: 8
p.m., Jarman
Auditorium

Be safe, and have fun!

Sunday
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WMLU Meeting
9:00 p.m.
Hiner 2nd floor
Auditorium

Longwood Visual
Arts Exhibition
Opening Reception
1-3 LCVA

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Want to join *The
Rotunda* staff?
9:15 p.m. in the
bottom of the
Student Union!

Listen to "Pimp
Juice"
11-12 a.m.
WMLU 91.3 fm

Tuesday
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S.A.F.E. Meetings
4:30 p.m.
Student Union

Chamber Music
Concert: Latin
American Trio;
7:30 Wygal
Auditorium

Lecture: *Unsung Heroines: The
Real Lives of Single Mothers*
by Dr. Ruth Sidel, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday
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Come edit pages for
The Rotunda in your
copious free time!

Tune in to "Midnight in
the Garden of Good
and Evil"
12-2 a.m.
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Unity Alliance
8:00 p.m., Grainger
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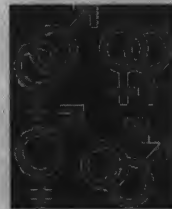
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Thursdays

8 p.m.

HOROSCOPES

by Sam Wise-Ridges

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan 19)

Think before you eat,
you don't know where it's been.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

No skinny dipping in the new water fountains on campus.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

Just because you're a fish doesn't mean you should smell like one.

Aries (Mar. 21-April 19)

Two words: plastic sheets.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Don't be a hog, hold the log.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

When you compare it to humping a tremendous bean bag, that's not good.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

No matter how high you are, you should never eat three boxes of Sara Lee cakes.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Your mom was good last night.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22)

Don't ever name your dog after a body part.

Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22)

Just because our e-mail has the “mark as unread” option, you still shouldn’t stalk your boyfriend/girlfriend’s e-mail.

Scorpio (Oct. 23. -Nov. 21)

I know, you've got beautiful big brown lips.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Hey, while you're down there...

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Underage Drinking: A Problem on Longwood's Campus or Not an Issue? *A Comparative Analysis*

Carole Crowling
Guest Writer

I, like many, assumed that most students on campus drink on a regular basis. I also made the assumption, that most students were responsible with their drinking habits, but I also know that there are not.

In a survey conducted in Massachusetts done on 14 different colleges, it was found that 56% of men and more than 35% of women had reported being binge drinkers (Marlatt, Baer, and Larimer 147). Binge drinking is defined as consuming five or more drinks on one occasion, or more commonly known as "drinking to get drunk," or what is commonly witnessed during the weekends on college campuses.

In a survey of Longwood freshmen, 20 of the 30 men polled admitted to binge drinking. Ten of the 30 women polled also admitted to it. This was a considerable low amount considering many first assumptions are that about 80% of college students drink regularly. Of the students who said they drank, almost every one of them said their reason for drinking was to become more social and that having a couple of drinks let them relax and be more comfortable to hang out with friends and just be themselves. Most college students drink to loosen up and just have a good time, is that really that bad if they know how to handle it?

Seeing how Longwood University is a fairly small school, knowing statistics from other bigger schools is relevant to understanding the true severity of this issue. Four Virginia schools were looked at, and based on their populations, despite common belief, a very small percentage of students are irresponsible drinkers. According to research between James Madison

University, Longwood University, George Mason University, and Virginia Tech on average 2.74% of the population have received judicial charges for alcohol violations in 2002. Of the 2.74% average, only .53% have been arrested. That's not a lot considering the population size of some of these schools (JMU-15,612, LU-3,000, GMU-26,796, Tech-25,000). If .53% of students are being irresponsible drinkers, drinking doesn't seem to be as big a problem as we all think.

So, you might ask, why does everyone make underage drinking out to be such a big problem? For one obvious reason, it's illegal. Many think the drinking age should be lowered or done away with all together.

Mr. Lowe of Longwood University police department says, "College students would not be more responsible if the drinking age were lowered to 18." He went on to say there would still be those few out there who would go out and bust windows and take advantage of others while they are drunk. Americans are going to drink when they want to. And as long as they are doing it responsibly, is there really a problem?

According to Mr. Lowe, "Alcohol consumption is not out of hand on campus, it is the vandalism along with sexual and physical abuse that is associated with alcohol consumption that is the problem."

These incidents are considered to be actions by irresponsible drinkers, and are not included in the percentage of responsible drinkers. My definition of a responsible drinker is considered one who knows how much to drink to have a good time. This means having a good time without harming himself or herself or anyone else, where is the harm in that?

V-DAY UNTIL THE VIOLENCE STOPS

Contact: Alexis Spicer - 804-492-5256
THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES
Jarman Auditorium
March 25, 26, and 27, 2004

On the heels of the highly successful V-Day 2003 College and Worldwide Campaigns, V-Day Longwood University- a benefit production of Eve Ensler's ground-breaking, Obie Award-winning play, *The Vagina Monologues* - will take place for the second year in a row at Jarman Auditorium on March 25, 26, and 27, 2004 at 8:00pm on behalf of the V-Day 2004 College Campaign. This benefit production is sponsored by Alpha Sigma Tau and Women Involved in Leadership and Learning (W.I.L.L.). Corporate sponsors have not yet been determined. Tickets are a \$5 minimum donation and may be purchased at the door only. Additional information can be found on the production's website at www.geocities.com/longwood/vaginas/index.html

Vagina Warriors are the theme of this season's production, and V-Day Longwood University will be honoring three people as community vagina warriors, one on each night of the show. The following statement by Eve Ensler describes what a vagina warrior is:

I have sat with women in crowded factories in Juarez, in crumbling shelters in the back streets of Cairo, in makeshift centers for teenage girls and women in Jerusalem, Johannesburg, Pine Ridge and Watts, in mansions in Hollywood, in burnt-out backyards in Kosovo and Kabul, in a moving van after midnight with sex trafficked girls in Paris. Sometimes these meetings went on for hours; in the case of the 17-year-old Bulgarian sex slave, we had 35 minutes before her pimp came looking for her. I have heard the staggering stories of violence - war rapes, gang rapes, date rapes, licensed rapes, family rapes. I have seen first-hand the scars of brutality - black eyes, cigarette-hole burns in arms and legs, a melted face, bruises, slices and broken bones. I have witnessed women living without what is fundamental - sky, sun, a roof, food, parents, a clitoris, freedom. I have been there when skulls washed up on riverbanks and naked mutilated female bodies were discovered in ditches. I have seen the worst. The worst lives in my body. But in each and every case I was escorted, transformed, and transported by a guide, a visionary, an activist, an outrageous fighter and dreamer. I have come to know these women (and sometimes men) as Vagina Warriors.

- Somewhere in America a woman is battered, usually by her intimate partner, every 15 seconds (United Nations Study on the Status of Women, 2000).
- A woman is raped every 26 seconds in South Africa (UNISA, 1998).
- Every 21 hours on each college campus in the United States there is a rape (Campus Outreach Services).
- More than 130 million girls and women worldwide have been subjected to female genital cutting, and a further two million girls are at risk (World Health Organization, 1997).
- From 1993-1998, women ages 16 to 24 experienced the highest per capita rates of intimate violence (19.6 per 1,000 women) ("Intimate Partner Violence," Bureau of Justice Statistics, May 2000).

What are The Vagina Monologues?

Hailed by *The New York Times* as "funny" and "poignant" and by the *Daily News* as "intelligent" and "courageous," *The Vagina Monologues*, which was first performed off-Broadway by Ms. Ensler, dives into the mystery, humor, pain, power, wisdom, outrage and excitement buried in women's experiences. Ms. Ensler has performed the play to great acclaim throughout the world - from Zagreb to Santa Barbara, from London to Seattle, from Jerusalem to Oklahoma City. Villard Books/Random House published *The Vagina Monologues*, which includes a foreword by Gloria Steinem, in February 1998. A special V-Day edition of the play, including two new sections about the College Campaign, was released in February 2001.

Round-the-clock and up-to-the-minute information about V-Day and violence against women can be found on the event's global web site at www.vday.org.

The V-Day College Campaign invites members of college and university communities around the world to present benefit productions of "The Vagina Monologues" on their campuses on or around V-Day (February 14th) to raise money and awareness to stop violence against women and girls. The proceeds from these events are donated directly by the schools to local organizations in their communities that are working to stop this violence. One of the goals of the College Campaign is to empower young people - the leaders, shapers and messengers of the future.

Softball Wins Spartanburg Softball Tournament 6-1

Sports Information

Longwood University captured the Spartanburg Softball Tournament title last weekend after posting a 6-1 mark during the event in South Carolina. On the road to the championship, the Lancers recorded four shutouts, including a 3-0 win over Lenoir-Rhyne in the championship game March 21, along with Valdosta State (2-0; 3/20), Mars Hill (3-0; 3/19), and Belmont Abbey (6-0; 3/19). Longwood outscored its opponents 38-9 in the seven games, also picking up convincing wins over Lander (11-2; 3/21) and Valdosta State (11-4; 3/21) -- for the second time in the tournament. The Lancers lone loss came to Presbyterian as they fell to the Blue Hose 3-2, March 20.

Head Coach Kathy Riley's squad is scheduled to next play Tuesday, March 23 as they host NCAA Division I Hampton. The doubleheader is set to begin at 2 p.m. at Lancer Field.

For their efforts in Spartanburg, the Lancers were awarded with three All-Tournament Team selections, including the event MVP. Junior Jen Steele/Manassas Park (Manassas Park) was honored as tournament MVP, after batting .500 (9-18), including a double, two homers, and nine RBI. Senior Heather Williams/Brookneal

(Appomattox) and sophomore Shamaan Washington/Rhoadesville (Orange Co.) were also recognized on the All-Tournament Team. Washington hit .500 (12-24) over the weekend, including three doubles, a homer, and four RBI, while Williams hit .368 (7-19) with a double, a home run, and four RBI.

Against #5 Lenoir-Rhyne in the championship game, #2 Longwood scored all the runs it would need in the bottom of the second inning and added a cushion run in the fifth frame, en route to the its first tournament title of the season. Steele paced the Lancers with her perfect 3-for-3 performance at the plate, while freshman Abbey Welch/LaPlate, Md. (McDonough) went 1-for-2 with a triple - her second of the season - and two RBI. Welch (12-4) earned the win, throwing a complete game with six strikeouts.

Against #6 Lander in the semifinals, three different Lancers hit homers combining for seven of the team's 11 runs in the game. Lander got on the board first, opening the first frame with two runs. However, Longwood quickly responded with six runs, sparked by Welch's two-run homer, as the Lancers never

looked back. Washington led the Longwood offensive attack, going a perfect 3-for-3 at the plate, including three RBI, while Williams was 2-for-3 with two RBI. Steele (10-6) earned the win, pitching a complete-game with three strikeouts.

Against #7 Valdosta State in the quarterfinals, Longwood scored three runs in the second, four in the third, one in the fifth, and three in the sixth as it easily defeated the Blazers for the second time of the tournament. Sophomore Mallory Gordon/Powhatan (Powhatan) paced the Lancers, getting two hits in four at-bats, including a three run-homer, a double, and four RBI, while Steele went 1-for-3 with a three-run homer and three RBI. Welch earned the win on the mound, pitching 4.1 innings with four strikeouts.

Against Valdosta State (6-23), Longwood scored the only run it would need in the fourth inning and added an insurance run in the fifth frame to complete its two-run shutout of the Blazers. Washington paced the Lancers at the plate, getting two hits in four at-bats, while Welch provided the Lancers with a 1-for-3 performance of her own. Steele earned the win after hurling four innings with only two hits. Welch earned her second save on the season, throwing three frames in relief with five strikeouts.

Against Presbyterian (24-5), the Blue Hose jumped out to an early 2-0 lead after Jessica Peterka hit a two-run homer in the first inning. Longwood responded with a run of its own in the top of the second, followed by another Presbyterian run in the bottom of the third. The Lancers made a late seventh inning effort to take the lead, but their lone run in the frame would not be enough to capture the win. Freshman Courtney "Pepper" Wilson/Mechanicsville (Lee-Davis) led Longwood with two hits in three appearances at the plate, while Welch went 1-for-3. Steele took the loss, pitching four innings with three strikeouts. Welch also saw time on the mound, throwing two innings in relief with two strikeouts.

Against Mars Hill (7-26), Longwood notched two runs in the fifth frame followed by another run in the seventh to secure the victory. Williams again got two hits (2-3) during the contest, while Steele went 1-for-2 with an RBI. Wilson provided the Lancers with a 1-for-2 performance and sophomore Tori Flint/Charlottesville (Albemarle) added a hit of her own. Steele earned the win, pitching her ninth complete-game with five strikeouts.

Against Belmont Abbey (13-14), the two teams remained scoreless through six complete innings until Longwood put together a seventh-frame, two-out rally, crossing the plate six times for the win. Steele added to the scoring spree with a two-run homer - her fourth of the season. She closed out the outing with a 2-for-3 performance, including three RBI, while Stewart and Washington each went 2-4. Williams also finished the game with two hits in four at-bats, including a

double. Welch earned the win, throwing her 11th complete-game of the season (7.0 IP) with 10 strikeouts.

Statistical Update

Through 32 games, Washington is currently pacing the Lancer offense with her .386 batting average. The left fielder, who is currently riding a seven-game hit streak, leads the team in six other statistical categories, including runs (28), hits (39), doubles (8), home runs (5), total bases (62), and slugging percentage (.614).

Williams is close behind, with a .345 (29-84) average of her own, including four doubles, three homers, and 16 RBI. Stewart is hitting .328 with 21 hits and four RBI, while Flint is hitting .302 with 26 hits, four doubles, a triple, and six RBI. Steele improved her average at the tournament, she is now batting .300 on 27 hits, three doubles, a triple, a team-high five homers, and a team-best 28 RBI. Others include Gordon (.291, 30-103, 18-R, 6-2B, 2-3B, HR, 20-RBI), junior Megan Camden/Bedford (Liberty) (.270, 30-111, 18-R, 2-2B, 2-3B, 2-HR, 16-RBI), Wilson (.266, 15-R, 21-H, 8-RBI), Welch (.254, 9-R, 15-H, 2-2B, 2-3B, 2-HR, 16-RBI), junior Ashley Hawkins/Virginia Beach (Frank W. Cox) (.212, 7-R, 11-H, 2B, 3B, 6-RBI), and Oaks (.200, 6-R, 4-H).

Welch continues to anchor the Lancer pitching staff with her 1.17 ERA in a team-best 107.2 innings pitched and 114 strikeouts. The freshman has also registered a 12-4 record with two saves, pitching 12 complete-games in 22 appearances on the mound, while only allowing 24 earned runs. Steele (2.25 ERA) has pitched 105.2 innings, posting a 10-6 mark with 64 strikeouts. The veteran pitcher has thrown 10 complete-games in 20 appearances on the mound.

Following the Hampton contest, Longwood will travel to Hartsville, South Carolina at it takes on Coker, Saturday, March 27.

DIVERSITY DAYS V
"CONNECTING THE DOTS: FORGING THE LINKS BETWEEN DIVERSITY, DEMOCRACY AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT"

Women's Issues Here and NOW:
What Everyone Should Know
with Bobby Hoffman, President of the Charlottesville Chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW)
Monday, March 22, 2004
Wygol Auditorium, @ 7:30 pm
Sponsors: Women's Studies Program, Office of Diversity and Security Life, The Civic Leadership Institute, and the Office of Multicultural Affairs

Video Presentation and Discussion
"Wearing Myself: Uncovering the Myth of Islam in the United States"
Tuesday, March 23, 2004
Dining Hall Annex @ 12:30 pm
Sponsors: Women's Studies Program and the Office of Multicultural Affairs

"International Performance Gala"
with International Food, Music and Performances
Wednesday, March 24, 2004
Grand Dining Hall @ 8:30 pm
Sponsors: Multicultural Affairs, International Affairs, International Student Advisory Club, Modern Language Club, Women Studies Program, Dr. Raymond Corrier

"Vagina Monologues"
Thursday, March 25, 2004
Friday, March 26, 2004
Saturday, March 27, 2004
Jerman Auditorium @ 8:00 pm
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bridge the gap by raising tuition, which, at smaller universities like Longwood is easier said than done.

The problem stems from a \$2.4 billion difference between the proposed House and Senate budgets.

The House is proposing a \$58.3 billion budget, largely buttressed by the sales-tax rollback. The Senate wants to spend nearly \$62 billion, with new revenues for education, public safety and other services coming from higher sales, income and tobacco taxes.

So far there's been no perceptible softening of the rival positions between the House

and the Senate, though the Senate has dropped a \$1.6 billion transportation initiative supported by higher fuel and motor-vehicle taxes in an effort to strike a compromise.

In fact, the nine budget negotiators, while emphasizing the importance of producing a two-year budget for Virginia, have not even sat down together for almost a week.

"The General Assembly has met over the last sixty days with the express purpose of coming to some kind of agreement over the budget," said Atkins, "which they have clearly not done. They can decide on 3,000 pieces of legislation, but not this."

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Dr. Pirkle was awarded the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps Meritorious Civilian Service Award in 1996.

His years in Europe cultivated his love of art, symphony, theatrical productions, opera, and museums. He loves to read. Some of his favorite authors are Thomas Wolfe and Shakespeare, and he likes the *Prairie Home Companion*.

Joan, his wife of 38 years, was

in the class of 1964. Dr. Pirkle says her biggest complaint might be that he is a "die-hard romantic!" Dr. Pirkle believes that "loving, experiencing love and having love in your heart daily may be the richest parts of life." That may sound like a schmaltzy thing to say in the world of academia, but it's worth remembering as we all try to balance our work lives and accept the challenges of being in a rigorous academic environment.

Ring Ceremony to be Held April 3rd

Kent Booty
Longwood Public Relations

The 2004 Ring Ceremony, which is for students who purchased a Longwood ring earlier this year, will be held Saturday, April 3, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Grand Dining Room.

The ceremony, sponsored by the Longwood Alumni Association, is by invitation only, and those who purchased a ring this semester are allowed to bring up to three guests. What will be new at this ceremony is a version of the longtime Little Sister/Little Brother tradition at convocation. Each ring will be presented by a person of the recipient's choosing, who could be a Little Sister/Little Brother, a classmate, a family member or a friend. About 150 students bought a ring and are eligible to participate in the ceremony.

This will be the 10th ring cer-

emony since the introduction of the new official Longwood ring seven years ago, and the last ring ceremony in the spring. The ceremony is being moved to the fall.

Students must have earned at least 56 credit hours to buy a ring, though sophomores can do so when the next ring sale is held April 5-6. The ceremony for students who purchase one in April will be held in September during Family Weekend in the Dining Hall lobby.

The official Longwood ring is the result of the Alumni

Association's wish to re-establish a Longwood tradition. The tradition of a single or limited number of ring styles was abandoned in the early 1980s when students were allowed to create their own rings from numerous designs.

Calif-Berekley History Professor and Author to Speak at Longwood

Kent Booty
Longwood Public Relations

Dr. Waldo E. Martin Jr., a history professor and author at the University of California-Berkeley, will speak Thursday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m. in Longwood University's Wygal Auditorium on "The Troubled Legacy of *Brown v. Board of Education*."

Dr. Martin's talk is part of both the Simkins Lecture series and

Longwood's commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the historic 1954 civil rights decision known as *Brown v. Board of Education*. A reception will follow the program, which is co-sponsored by the Department of History, Political Science and Philosophy and the University Lectures Committee.

Dr. Martin is the author of "*Brown v. Board of Education*: A



Dr. Waldo E. Martin Jr., from Berkeley, California will be speaking at Longwood on Thursday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wygal auditorium.

Brief History with Documents" and "The Mind of Frederick Douglass." His book "No Coward Soldiers: Black Cultural Politics and the Making of Modern America" will be published this fall by Harvard University Press, and he is completing another book, "A Change is Gonna Come: African American Movement Culture and the Transformation of America," to be published by the University of North Carolina Press. He co-edited "Civil Rights in the United States: An

Encyclopedia." Call Dr. Larissa Smith at X 2776 for more details.

2004-2005 Room and Meal Selection is Here! Q&A Forum to be Held April 1st

Bobbi Thibo
Assistant Editor

The end of the school year is quickly approaching, and with this time of the semester comes the start of preparations for the fall. It is once again time to go through the fall room and meal selection (RMS) process.

In order to reserve a room for next year, the \$250 deposit fee was due by March 15, 2004. If you have yet to pay this fee then there, as you have probably already noticed, is a hold flag on your registration. This hold flag not only stops the registration of classes, but also keeps you from reserving a room for next year.

For those wishing to apply to live in ARC or in single rooms, the applications are currently on line and have been since March 18, 2004.

The amount of availability for ARC and single rooms will be determined by housing, and applicants will receive placement notification emails on Monday, March 29th. But for the rest of us, what do we do?

On Tuesday, March 23, 2004, RMS contract cards and instruc-

tions were mailed to eligible residents, so be sure to check your mailboxes! After receiving contract cards, students are to fill them out and then follow the timeline that's online to pick out your room assignment for next year. The schedule is as follows: April 6-7 for those eligible to squat, or stay in the same room (residents in freshman dorm are not permitted to squat due to the need of that space for incoming freshman). April 10-11 is the date slot for those wishing to stay on the same hall, April 12 for current Juniors/Seniors, April 13 for current Sophomores, and April 14 for current Freshman. Late room assignment for those who missed their allotted slot will be April 19-23.

Those students squatting must give their contract cards to the REC of the building they are currently residing in. If you have been offered a single room, the contract cards must be given directly to Bonnie Walker in the RCL Central Office (Lancaster 115). If you wish to stay in the same building but change rooms, your contract card is to be given to

the REC of your building on the designated dates above. For everyone who is changing buildings completely, bring your contract card to the Curry Commons on your allotted date to sign up for a room.

Don't forget, in order to sign up for a room, you must have a roommate! Don't have a roommate? Not a problem! If you are looking for a roommate, simply go online to fill out the roommate matching form. Then visit RCL to look over the "looking for a roommate binder," where they can help you match up a roommate for next semester.

If you have any further questions, all this information is posted on RCL's website at www.longwood.edu/rcl/index.htm.

In addition, there is a Question and Answer Forum to be held Thursday, April 1, 2004.

The forum will take place at 5:30 and will be held in the Lankford Student Union Ballroom. So come out and ask any questions that might help make your living experience more enjoyable next semester!

Men's Tennis Beats Bridgewater, Eastern Mennonite

Sports Information

Longwood University split four matches played last week, defeating NCAA Division III members Bridgewater (5-2) March 21 and Eastern Mennonite (7-0) March 20 while dropping matches to Division I institutions James Madison (7-0) March 21 and Gardner-Webb (5-2) March 19. The Lancers are now 4-4 overall and will participate in the annual North-South Duels March 26-28 in Wilson, North Carolina.

At Bridgewater, Longwood won four of six singles and all

three doubles matches -- the doubles worth one team point. In singles, junior Chris Newman/Chesapeake (Hickory) won at #1 (6-2, 6-0), as did at freshman Rashko Patnikov/Bankya, Bulgaria (Smirnenski) #2 (6-1, 6-0), sophomores Ian Young/Bowie, Md. (Eleanor Roosevelt) at #3 (6-0, 6-0) and Justin Dorsk/Virginia Beach (Kempville) at #5 (6-0, 6-1). In doubles, Newman and sophomore Diego Quiros/Quesada, Costa Rica (Maria Inmaculada) won at #1 (8-2), as did Patnikov and senior Garrett

Green/Fredericksburg (Stafford) at #2 (8-1), along with Young and Dorsk at #3 (8-2).

At EMU, Longwood won all singles and doubles matches -- the doubles again worth one team point. In singles, Newman won at #1 (6-0, 6-2), as did Patnikov #2 (6-0, 6-1), Young at #3 (6-1, 6-0), Quiros at #4 (6-0, 6-0), Green at #5 (6-2, 6-2), and sophomore Daniel Conte/Midlothian (Monacan) at #6 (6-3, 6-3). In doubles, Newman and Quiros won at #1 (8-3), as did Patnikov and Green at #2 (8-0), along with Young and Dorsk at #3 (8-0).

Against Gardner-Webb,

Longwood won two of six singles pairings during the home match. In singles, Newman won at #1 (6-2, 6-1), as did Patnikov at #2 (7-6, 5-7, 6-3). In doubles, the Lancers did get a win at #2 from Patnikov and Green at #2 (8-5), but the Bulldogs won the other two doubles contests for the team point. At JMU, the Lancers were swept in all singles and doubles matches.

Season Records

Patnikov leads Longwood with his 8-6 record in singles, followed by Quiros (7-8), Newman (6-7), Dorsk (5-4), Green (4-8), Young (3-10), freshman Tyler

Sinsabaugh/Glen Allen (Hermitage) (1-0), along with Conte (1-2). In doubles, Patnikov and Green are 5-3, while Newman and Quiros along with Young and Dorsk are each 4-3.

At the North-South Duels, Longwood is scheduled to play North Greenville (S.C.) March 26, Barton (N.C.) and St. Andrews (N.C.) March 27, and Mount Olive (N.C.) March 28. Following those matches, Longwood is scheduled to host Mary Washington March 31 at 3 p.m. on the Lancer Courts - a contest postponed twice already due to rain.

Women's Tennis 5 and 3

Sports Information

Longwood University won three of four matches played last week, defeating NCAA Division I Gardner-Webb (4-3) March 19 and Division III members Bridgewater (9-0) March 21 and Eastern Mennonite (9-0) March 20 while dropping a match to Division I institution James Madison (4-3) March 21. The Lancers are now 5-3 overall and will participate in the annual North-South Duels March 26-28 in Wilson, North Carolina.

Against Gardner-Webb, Longwood won two of three doubles matches for the one team point, and three of six singles pairings for the home triumph. In singles, freshman Romana Bucur/Brasov, Romania (Joan Mscota) won at #1 (6-3, 6-0), as did seniors Danielle Hess/Bel Air, Md. (Bel Air) at #2 (6-3, 6-0) and Cecilia Robinson/Lynchburg (Brookville) at #4 (5-7, 6-1, 6-3). In doubles, Hess and freshman Lexi Torrice/Richmond (Douglas Freeman) won at #1 (8-6), as did seniors Laura Whitehurst/Chesapeake (Western Branch) and Amber Miller/Virginia Beach (First Colonial) at #3 (8-6).

At Bridgewater, Longwood won all singles and doubles matches. In singles, Hess won at #1 (6-2, 6-1), as did Robinson at #2 (6-3, 6-4), freshman Jenn Edwards/Newport News (Hampton Roads Academy) at #3 (5-0, default), Whitehurst at #4 (6-1, 6-1), Miller at #5 (6-1, 6-0), along with freshman Nancy Hott/Fairfax (W.T. Woodson) at #6 (6-0, 6-3). In doubles, Hess

and Torrice won at #1 (8-4), as did Whitehurst and Miller at #2 (8-2), along with Robinson and Hott at #3 (8-1).

At EMU, Longwood won all singles and doubles matches. In singles, Hess won at #1 (6-0, 6-0), as did Torrice at #2 (6-1, 6-0), Edwards at #3 (6-4, 6-1), Miller at #4 (6-3, 6-2), Hott at #5 (6-1, 6-1), and Whitehurst at #6 (6-1, 6-0). In doubles, Bucur and Edwards won at #1 (8-1), as did Whitehurst and Miller at #2 (8-3), along with Robinson and Hott at #3 (8-0). At JMU, Longwood won three of six singles matches. In singles, Bucur won at #1 (6-4, 6-4), as did Hess at #2 (6-2, 6-4), and Torrice at #3 (2-6, 6-4, 7-5).

Season Records

Bucur leads Longwood with her 7-6 record in singles, followed by Hess (5-3), Robinson (5-5), Torrice (4-3), Whitehurst (4-5), Hott (3-4), Edwards (3-7), Miller (2-1), along with sophomores Ashley Moore/Midlothian (Midlothian) (1-2) and Jessica Farr/Williamsburg (Lafayette) (0-3). In doubles, Whitehurst and Miller are 4-1, followed by Bucur and Edwards (3-2), Hess and Torrice (3-3), along with Robinson and Hott (2-0).

At the North-South Duels, Longwood is scheduled to play North Greenville (S.C.) March 26, Barton (N.C.) and St. Andrews (N.C.) March 27, and California (Pa.) March 28. Following those matches, Longwood is scheduled to host Belmont Abbey (N.C.) April 3 at 1 p.m. on the Lancer Courts.

Women's Lacrosse Continues Undefeated Season, Including Three Division I Games

Sports Information

Longwood University extended its win streak to six games last week as it defeated St. Francis (Pa.) Sunday, March 21, at Lancer Field. The victory also marks the Lancers third against an NCAA Division I opponent this season. Head Coach Janet Grubbs' squad is now 6-0 overall and will travel north next weekend, playing at Philadelphia, Friday, March 26, and at Manhattan, Sunday, March 28.

Against St. Francis (0-2), Longwood scored its first of 13 goals just 42-seconds into the game, as senior Kristy Taylor/Lorton (Bishop Ireton) found the back of the net off an assist from junior Sophie Dress/Ellicott City (Howard). The Lancers continued the scoring spree, netting five unanswered goals -- to take a 6-0 advantage -- eight minutes into the first session and never looked back. Longwood added four more goals prior to the intermission to enter the break with a sizable nine-goal margin (10-1). The second half saw more of the same, as the Longwood defense held the visiting Red Flash scoreless, while the Lancers netted three goals of their own also out-shooting St. Francis (Pa.) 37-4.

Longwood played a balanced offense with 10 different players registering goals and two others

recording assists. Taylor led the squad with her four points on the afternoon, netting two goals and dishing out two assists. Junior Leanne Kibler/Oakton (Oakton) and Isa Cohen/Mineral (Fairfax) each scored two goals, while senior Carlee Ullery/Keswick (Albemarle), junior Emily Bikowski/Fairfax (Bishop O'Connell), and Dress tallied a goal and assist apiece. Senior Tia Richardson/Ellicott City, Md. (Centennial), sophomores Ali Shafer/Fairfax (Fairfax) and Kelly Gaines/Fairfax (W.T. Woodson), along with freshman Glenna Kibler/Oakton (Oakton) each netted a goal. Freshmen Cathleen Strain/Alexandria (Mt. Vernon) and Kathleen Barry/Annandale (W.T. Woodson) also recorded an assist apiece.

In goal, senior Stacey Schmidt/Berlin, N.J. (Eastern Regional) recorded 11:56 minutes played, while sophomore Emily Wilson/Owings (Northern) played a season-high 48:04 minutes, including three saves.

Katy Green scored the Red Flash's lone, unassisted goal at the 8:04 mark during the first half. The Red Flash closed out the contest with 10 ground balls, seven draw controls, and five caused turnovers.

Statistical Update

Through six matches, Bikowski continues to pace the Longwood offense with 25 points on a team-

best 19 goals and six assists. Ullery remains close behind with 21 points on 10 goals and a team-high 11 assists, while Cohen and Leanne Kibler have each registered 17 points. Cohen has tallied 10 goals and seven assists and Kibler has distributed 10 assists and netted seven goals. Taylor has found the back of the net nine times, while dishing out six assists for 15 points. Others include Shafer (9g, 1a, 10p), Shipp (8g, 8p), Richardson (5g, 2a, 7p), Dress (3g, 4a, 7p), Strain (3g, 2a, 5p), Gaines (2g, 2p), Barry (1g, 1a, 2p), and Glenna Kibler (1g, 1p).

In the goal, Schmidt and Wilson have combined for 42 saves on the season, recording 26 and 16, respectively. Schmidt has recorded 229:10 minutes in front of the net, posting a .456 save percentage and an 8.12 goals against average. Wilson, who has played 130:50 minutes this season, owns a .571 save percentage and a 5.50 goals against average.

Following the trip north, Longwood will return home to host UC-Davis (4-2) March 20 at Lancer Field. Because both institutions are reclassifying to Division I, neither team is eligible for post-season championships. The two teams have dubbed the upcoming match the "Battle of the Banned".

Baseball Continues Season 18-6

Sports Information

Longwood University won four of five games played last week, taking three of four games at St. Andrews (N.C.) March 20-21 (3-14, 6-4, 5-3, 16-6) after a 9-2 win past St. Thomas Aquinas (N.Y.) March 18. An additional two scheduled doubleheaders at Elizabeth City State (N.C.) and Columbia Union (Md.) were postponed last week due to rain. The Lancers have won 18 of their last 20 games to improve their overall record to 18-6. Longwood is scheduled to host Southern Virginia March 24 for a 1 p.m. doubleheader at Lancer Stadium.

In the March 21 opener at St. Andrews, Longwood rallied from a 2-1 deficit in the 1st inning for the come-from-behind road win - scoring two runs in both the 3rd and 4th innings. Senior Louis Shackelford/Newport News (Denbigh) (1-4, 2 RBI) had two RBI to lead the effort. Collecting two hits each were freshmen Matt Fitzgerald/Fairfax Station (Hayfield) (2-3) and Charlie Yarbrough/Richmond (Mills Godwin) (2-3). Freshman Brian McCullough/Virginia Beach (Princess Anne) (2-0) earned the pitching win with the first 6.0-plus innings, scattering eight hits and three earned runs with seven strikeouts. Junior Darin Knickly/Elkton (Spotswood) (1) gained his first save of the season with the final scoreless inning and two strikeouts. In the nightcap, the Lancers scored seven runs in the first two innings, and added runs in all but one inning thereafter en route to the convincing triumph. Shackelford (3-3, RBI) and Yarbrough (3-4, 4 RBI) each had three hits to lead the 15-hit attack. Yarbrough hit his fourth homer of the year in the 2nd inning. Junior Brett Mooney/Virginia Beach (Salem) (2-3, 3 RBI) added two hits to the effort. Senior Evan Weinstein/Toronto, Ontario (W.L. MacKenzie) (3-1) earned the pitching win with the first 4.0 innings, allowing seven hits and three earned runs with two strikeouts. Junior Chris Balus/Newport News (Denbigh) (1) got the save in relief with the final 3.0 scoreless innings, allowing one hit with four strikeouts.

In the March 20 nightcap at St. Andrews, Longwood rallied from an early 2-0 deficit before St.

Andrews tied the game at 4-4 through six innings. The Lancers plated the two game-winning runs in the final 7th inning on a two-run double by senior Brian Medley/Halifax (Halifax Co.) (2-3, 2 RBI). Sophomore Danny McCraw/Pamplin (Randolph-Henry) (3-3) collected three hits to lead the effort, while Mooney (1-3, 3 RBI) added a three-run home run in the 3rd inning, his second of the season. Freshman Tyler Ames/Exmore (Northampton) (2-4) also had two hits in the second game.

Freshman Zach Zigrang/Virginia Beach (Kempsville) (6-0) earned his team-leading sixth pitching win -- all in relief -- with the final 2.0 innings on the mound, allowing one hit and one earned run with one strikeout. Sophomore Mike Brown/Courtland (Southampton) went the first 5.0 innings on the mound, scattering five hits and three earned runs with three strikeouts. In the opener, the Knights scored two runs in the 1st inning and led 11-1 through four innings en route to the win. Medley (1-3, RBI) and Balus (1-3, RBI) each hit solo home runs for the Lancers -- Medley's team-best 7th homer in the 6th inning, and Balus' fourth homer in the 3rd inning. Freshman Alan Moore/Richmond (Monacan) (4-2) took the pitching loss with the first 3.2 innings, yielding five earned runs. Longwood had five fielding errors in the first game.

Against St. Thomas Aquinas, Longwood scored two runs in the 1st inning against the Spartans, and broke the game open with six runs in the 3rd inning en route to the convincing triumph. Medley (2-3, 2 RBI) and Yarbrough (2-3, RBI) each collected two hits to lead the Lancer effort. McCraw (1-4, RBI) added a leadoff solo home run to left field in the 5th inning. Ames (1-2) scored two runs for the hosts, as did McCraw. Knickly (2-0) earned the pitching win with 3.0 innings of middle relief, yielding no hits and one unearned run with five strikeouts. McCullough started and pitched the first 2.0 scoreless innings, allowing one hit with four strikeouts. St. Thomas Aquinas declined to play the second

game of a scheduled doubleheader.

Through 24 games, Medley leads Longwood with his impressive .505 batting average (46-91), including a team-best seven home runs, eight doubles, and a team-best 37 RBI and 9-9 on steals. Medley is followed closely by the first-year standout Ames and his .500 batting average (40-80), adding six doubles, a team-best three triples, and 18 RBI. Others include Mooney (.396, 3-HR, 20-RBI), McCraw (.388, 2-HR, 14-RBI), Yarbrough (.381, team-best 11-2B, 4-HR, 23-RBI), Zigrang (.306, 2-HR, 4-RBI), Balus (.303, 4-HR, 14-RBI, 8-8 SB), Shackelford (.297, 3-HR, 16-RBI), freshman Hunter Williams/Richmond (Varina) (.288, 3-RBI), junior Robert Gillis/Dartmouth, Nova Scotia (Auburn Drive) (.283, 3-HR, 10-RBI), Fitzgerald (.278, 1-RBI), along with freshmen Nathan Martin/Chesterfield (Manchester) (.250, 4-RBI) and Tyler Childress/Montclair (Forest Park) (.225, 1-HR, 8-RBI).

On the mound, among the three regular starters, Moore (4-2, 1 save) sports a 2.25 ERA through a team-best 36.0 innings with 27 strikeouts (6.75). Brown (1-1) follows with his 4.00 ERA through 27.0 innings with 16 strikeouts (5.33), and Weinstein (3-1) has a 5.60 ERA through 27.1 innings with 21 strikeouts (6.92). In the bullpen, Knickly (2-0, 1 save) leads the way with his 1.45 ERA through 18.2 innings with 23 strikeouts (11.09). Zigrang (6-0) follows with his 1.84 ERA through 14.2 innings with 17 strikeouts (10.43). Others include McCullough (2-0, 4.26 ERA, 19.0 IP, 18K-8.53), sophomore Mike Williams/Hampton (Kecoughtan) (0-0, 7.59 ERA, 10.2 IP, 8K-6.75), Balus (0-0, 1 save, 11.12 ERA, 5.2 IP, 7K-11.11) and Gillis (0-0, 0.00 ERA, 1.1 IP). The Lancers continue to hit for average with an outstanding team batting average of .356 with 29 home runs and 173 RBI, while posting a respectable team ERA of 4.45 through 178.0 innings with 151 strikeouts (7.63).

Following the action against Southern Virginia, Longwood will travel to nearby Virginia State March 25 for two games before hosting Columbia Union March 28 for another scheduled 1 p.m. doubleheader at Lancer Stadium.

Men's Golf Update

Sports Information

Longwood University competed in two tournaments last week, finishing second at the Butler/North-South Intercollegiate March 8-9 before placing ninth at the Tennessee-Chattanooga/GEICO-Direct Invitational March 13-14. The Lancers fired a 310-311-621 at the North-South in Jacksonville, Florida, and had a 306-311-312-929 at the GEICO-Direct in Savannah, Georgia. Longwood will compete again March 27-28 at the George Washington Invitational to be played in Issue, Maryland at the Swan Point Yacht & Country Club.

In Florida, Longwood was led by junior Trey Deal/Martinsville (Martinsville) with his 76-74-150 to finish second among the 39 collegiate golfers. Freshman Brett Chambers/Mount Sidney (Fort Defiance) followed at 76-77-153 (5th), along with senior Carl Magnusson/Linköping, Sweden (Katedralskolan) (76-81-157, 8th), sophomore Kevin Johnson/Forest (Jefferson Forest) (82-79-161, t-15th), and senior Matt Paciocco/Richmond (Mills Godwin) (82-82-164, t-21st). Others playing, but their scores not counting toward the team total, were sophomore Michael Joyce/Peterborough, Ontario (Peterborough Collegiate) (82-74-156, t-6th) and freshman Chris Shuford/Fredericksburg (Colonial Forge) (82-76-158, t-9th).

Senior Mike Nemcosky/Chesapeake (Great Bridge) had withdrawn during the first-round after 16 holes

with a foot injury. NCAA Division I and tournament host Butler University won the event played at the 6,910-yard, par 72 Jacksonville Beach Golf Club with its 311-309-620.

In Georgia, Deal led Longwood with his 72-77-75-224 total to finish in a fourth-place tie individually in the field of 99 collegiate golfers. Joyce followed with his 78-78-77-233 to tie for 35th, along with Chambers (79-79-78-236, t-49th) and Shuford (77-81-82-240, t-66th), as well as Magnusson (81-77-83-241, t-70th). Paciocco (84-81-81-246, t-84th) also competed in the event. Division II Armstrong Atlantic State University won the event with its 902 team total at the 7,159-yard, par 72 Hunter Golf Club.

Season Averages

Through 16 rounds, Chambers has posted a team-low scoring average of 73.63 with two school-record rounds of 66 during the fall season. Chambers is followed closely by Deal (73.88, 69), along with Joyce (75.13, 68), Johnson (75.20, 69, 5-rounds), Magnusson (78.13, 75, 8-rounds), Shuford (78.20, 74, 10-rounds), Paciocco (79.27, 71, 11-rounds), and Nemcosky (80.80, 76, 5-rounds). The Lancers average 299.38 as a team.

Following the George Washington tournament, Longwood is scheduled to host its annual Challenge Match against nearby Hampden-Sydney College April 1-2 at the Longwood Golf Club.

March Sports Schedule

28th - Baseball - Columbia Union (2) - 1:00
29th - Baseball - Saint Augustine's (2) - 1:00
30th - Women's Lacrosse - UC-Davis - 4:00

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Catch The Spirit

Jennifer Wall
Public Relations

Vacelo Moore has been a part of Longwood for 34 years and believes that the alumni spirit of the university is one of its many strengths.

Sometimes, teased by the staff, Mrs. Moore is often called "the memory" of Longwood, because the endless information and names that she remembers. Smiling she says, "They just describe a situation, and I often know exactly who they are talking about!"

"When the first full time alumni affairs office was set up in 1974, Vacelo Moore came on board as the secretary, previously she had been in the development office," said Nancy Shelton, Director of Alumni Relations. "She is truly an amazing asset in her alumni knowledge and recall of names. We can be in a jam for a name and only need to describe the situation, an event or the characteristics of an alum and she will know the name."

Reunion Weekends are called "Fun Weekends," according to

Mrs. Moore. "I love having the chance to see the great friendships that alumni have built because of Longwood, and watching everyone reunite is such a joy," Mrs. Moore is involved with alumni ranging from as far back as the 1930s.

Originally from the Farmville area, Mrs. Moore attended Farmville Elementary, which was then located in the Hiner building on Longwood's campus, and graduated from Cumberland County High School. She remembers some of the Longwood students who were student teachers while she attended Farmville Elementary. "One reunion weekend one of the classes returning had alumni in it that I remembered were student teachers from my Farmville Elementary days. I went to my scrapbook, found a photograph of the alumni and brought the photograph to the reunion. Everyone was so excited!"



recalled Mrs. Moore

Mrs. Moore loves her Longwood career and says that in addition to her alumni contact, the contact she has with Longwood people is inspiring. She describes the staff, the faculty and alumni as "good, fun, people, who are like my family. It is not just during the day while working that makes me smile, however, I also am proud to promote Longwood when I am out in the public. Longwood has so much to offer the community and it's students. To me Longwood's spirit is entwined in its alumni, its memories, its people and its growth."

New Literary Review Comes to Longwood

Shawn Garrett
News Editor

Plans have been set in motion for Longwood to become the newest publisher of a national literary review.

The publication, to be titled the *Dos Passos Review*, will be published biannually in the late fall and spring.

The magazine will focus on poetry, fiction and creative non-fiction, explained Hackett, the latter of which includes everything from memoirs and non-fiction essays to the kind of humor writing popularized by nationally syndicated columnist Dave Barry.

"The review will provide an opportunity to broaden the curriculum and allow Creative Writing and English students to gain a better understanding of the professional writing world," said Managing Editor and English and Modern Languages Department Lecturer Mary Carroll-Hackett.

Although not the first literary review published by the University, Dos Passos will have the distinction of possible national distribution. The two other journals previously run by the University include *Virginia Writing*, a collection of the best writing and art from Virginia high schools and the *Gyre* (formerly, the *Tyrant*) Longwood's student-run literary and arts magazine.

The review's title will be familiar to the Longwood community and many in the literary world. It shares its name with Longwood's prestigious Dos Passos Prize for Literature, awarded every year to American authors whose work demonstrates characteristics A copy of *Virginia Writing*, one of found in the work of Longwood's previous publications.

Dos Passos, such as an original exploration of specifically American themes, an experimental quality, and a range of literary forms.

The debut of the new review will coincide nearly with the 25th anniversary of the Prize.

The staff of the review will consist of a standard editorial board made up of both managing and genre-specific editors.

Managing alongside Hackett will be Adjunct Professor Susan Stinson. Stinson, a former marketing manager for Random House, will bring sound business and marketing experience to the review. Stinson will also teach a course called "Practical Issues of the Working Writer" intended to broaden student's knowledge of the publishing world.

Certain faculty members will also be asked to take on the role of multicultural editors, seeking out underrepresented minority authors for contribution.

The review will also have a strong student presence in the form of a slush board intended to weed through the multitude of submissions a national review garners.

Dance Company Prepares for Spring Performance

Bobbi Thibo
Asst. Editor

The Longwood University Dance Company is gearing up for its' spring dance concert. The performance, which will be held April 23rd and 24th at 7:30 in the Jarman auditorium, is entitled "Surrender to the Floor."

The upcoming concert will include not only pieces choreographed by Rodney Williams, but will also feature seven student-choreographed pieces as well, and the students are really excited about the performance.

"The best part about this whole experience is sharing with everyone what we've worked so hard on," stated Maggie Szydlowski, Junior member of the Dance Company, as well as student-choreographer.

Some of the pieces will be performed to popular songs such as Def Leopard's "Pour Some Sugar" on Me and Dido's "Whiteflag."

The Company has been hard at work to prepare for the concert, practicing three days a week with a once-a-week extra practice added for additional rehearsal time.

Preparing for this program

since February, the members of the Dance Company are working on the final touches of their performance.

According to Szydlowski, the majority of the work that's left is "cleaning" the pieces for technique.

All members of the Longwood University Dance Company have been hard at work, and are really anticipating the upcoming performance. The spring dance concert is sure to be a great time for all. Come support your fellow students and enjoy a cultural experience!



Words From the Editor



I got my class ring this week, and I am beyond excited. Way more than I was in high

school. Way more than I thought I'd be in general.

I've worked really hard the past almost three years, and I'm really proud of everything I've accomplished.

The more I look around Longwood, the more excited I am about it. Took long enough, eh?

I see faculty, staff, and students coming together to help each other, both in terms of school and personal problems. I'm completely amazed at the sense of community we have here at the 'Wood.

So I'm wondering, Did anyone get the memo about this not

being middle school? 'Cause I'm not too terribly sure.

I live in ARC, and if I walk out of it one more time to find it filled with soap, I'm going to go on a rampage.

C'mon, guys. It's really not funny. Nor is it fair to the people who have to drain it, clean it, and fill it back up. I, like many people on campus, enjoy a good sit by the fountain; it's comforting and pretty, but not so much when I have to fend off huge waves of bubbles when the wind blows.

And I'm not sure if anyone noticed, but the fountain by Grainger and the new fountain in between the D-hall and the Student Union do not make big pretty mounds of bubbles like the ARC fountain does. All the delinquents who try and soap those make them look like they

are covered in some sort of rabid scum.

Gross.

Also, while we're on the topic of acting like middle schoolers, let's talk about gum.

The vast majority of my English classes sit in great big circles. So if I go to move my desk one more time by grabbing it front underneath, and my hand winds up in chewing gum, I'm going to throw the desk.

Which, I suppose, isn't much more "grown up" than sticking the gum there in the first place. But

still.

It's not like we get in trouble for chewing gum in class. It's not like the rooms are *so big* that it takes an Olympic runner to make it to the trashcan.

Please.

Put it in the wrapper that it comes in; tear some paper from your neighbor's notebook, and put it there. Drop it in the trashcan on your way out of class.

One more thing before I go.

How many of you spend time in Grainger? Have you seen the pencil sticking out of the ceiling

in one of the classrooms?

It's a *brand new* building.

Sometimes I feel like I'm stuck inside the boys' bathroom in an elementary school.

So here is my call to you. Keep soap in the bathroom, gum in your mouth and the trashcan, and pencils out of the ceiling.

Easy, easy stuff.

Amy Whipple

Amy Whipple
Editor-in-Chief

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

SCOPE/Meals On Wheels would like to say "thank you" to more than 40 volunteers and committee members who insured the success of the Chefs' Food Festival Beach Blast 2004, March 13 at the Longwood University Grand Dining Room. Thanks to the efforts of these folks, plus the support of ARAMARK-Longwood Dining Services and other sponsors, auction item donors, chefs and the more than 400 folks who attended the event, we were able to raise enough funds to pay for 5,000 meals in the coming year.

CFF volunteers included: Longwood students Amanda Jones, Helen Pitman, Maureen Hains, Casey Dentzbaugh, and Jeff Kozloff; Longwood faculty and staff Lori Crowe, Michele Hosey, Pee Wee Baldwin and Lucinda Sinclair; also Cabell Butler, Elizabeth Mann and Christy Barton (Fuqua School), Brianna Taylor (Prince Edward High School), Steve Huey (Southside Community Hospital), Warren and Linnie Kernodle, Juanita Taylor, Rev. Joe McCutchen, and Robert and Lesley Montemayor (SCH).

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SCOPE/Meals On Wheels

would not exist without the support of the entire community.

Sincerely,

Hoke Currie, Coordinator

Dear Editor,

This is in response to Lindsey Morgan's bash against Disability Services, Dining Services and Housing here at Longwood University. Her complaint was that housing and disability services were not being accommodating by not allowing Lindsey, a rising junior, and her 2 friends to live off-campus. Lindsey was instructed by her doctor to move off-campus. The doctor thinks that off-campus it would be easier for her to function because she has dietary needs that encompass her to cook for herself and needs assistance reaching few items that her roommates could get for her. While living off campus for Lindsey was recommended, it's not necessary. And her roommates have no better reason to move off campus then they want to. Ok, who doesn't?

I have a disability and I have been living on campus for four years. When I first came to Longwood, I had to walk with a cane for my first two years. Longwood has made wonderful accommodations for me, and has worked with many other students with special needs. You just need to alert them first. Instead of declaring that there is no way the d-hall could fix her dietary needs, she could have asked either Susie Rood or Mike Lysaght. They are

both wonderful and have helped so many other people in similar situations. And if she didn't know to talk to them, she could talk to anyone who works at the dining hall, and they will happily work you. Longwood Dining Services will go as far as buying any special foods and preparing them especially for you.

As for reaching items far up and needing a little extra help, there are more people on-campus to help her then there would ever be in an apartment. Many students in wheelchairs on campus have similar difficulties and have never said they had to move off campus because of it. Also living on campus is easier than commuting for someone with a disability, especially if your disability is so severe. Why would you not want to be somewhere safe and secure and surrounded by people who could help if you needed it?

Longwood has made special accommodations for her to move off campus, she should be thankful. Her roommates need no special accommodations. Lindsey should view this positively as an opportunity to make new friends at her apartment complex or come back to campus and get reconnected and involved again with campus activities and her friends.

Stop using your temporary disability as an excuse to get what you want. You make the rest of us who try AND DO for ourselves look bad.

Sincerely,
Danielle Houston

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"If you're not mad, you're not paying attention!"

The "Activist" is your outlet for battling social injustice and things that suck. This is your chance to do something about societal evils, instead of just whining about them. So speak up and act up. Because, if you're not mad, you're not paying attention. E-mail Activist ideas to rotunda@longwood.edu.

Counter-point to Legalization

The following letter is in response to the March 25th Activist letter.

Dear Marijuana Advocate,

I read your entire column in the March 25th edition of The Rotunda.

What a waste of my time! I disagree wholeheartedly with your argument for legalizing marijuana.

Firstly, pot is illegal because it does permanent damage to your brain no matter how little of it you smoke!

"THC, the active ingredient in marijuana, damages nerve cells in the part of the brain where memories are formed, thus making it hard to remember things.

It affects your sense of time and coordination skills, such as driving a car. It also affects your lungs.

There are more than 400 known chemicals in marijuana.

A single joint contains four times as much cancer-causing tar as a filtered cigarette" (<http://www.health.org/govpubs/phd641/>). These are just a few health problems caused by smoking weed.

As you mentioned, pot is a gateway drug to harsher drugs like mushrooms, ecstasy, and acid.

I was sad to hear that you have permanently damaged yourself due to mushrooms.

However, it is unclear to me what your point was about this issue.

You argue in one sentence that weed led you to try harsher drugs and then you go on to say that it was your lack of education about drugs which led you to eat mushrooms for five days straight.

Which was it?

You go on to say that in all

your years of public education you weren't told that drugs were bad, or why they are bad. SCAPEGOAT!

What country did you go to school in?

If in the United States, I would argue that you just weren't listening at all.

I know that I was taught, along with most of my peers in public schools about the dangers of drug/alcohol abuse starting in the elementary grades.

You go on to say that by legalizing marijuana, police officers would be more easily able to identify the "real" drug dealers (of cocaine, acid, and heroin, etc.) because those dealers would be singled out from the legalized marijuana dealers.

You stated, "legalize it (marijuana), and the pot smokers will eventually be considered normal people; which will in turn further isolate those who use hard drugs, making them more easily identifiable."

How exactly would this work? I really don't see a clear connection in your argument.

If anything the hardcore drug dealers would just begin to sell marijuana laced with cocaine, etc. to get buyers hooked on harsher drugs.

It wasn't until your last two arguments that I actually decided to write back to your ridiculous article.

You attempted to make some connection to the legalization of weed, terrorism, and racist Americans. Let's look at your argument in regards to terrorism first.

You say that Americas are hated because we are an "isolationist society in a world where people must stick together."

I personally don't agree that our society is one of isolation, but aside from that, are you seriously suggesting that legalizing marijuana would solve this problem?

Sorry for my use of IM slang, but I have to give this one a big fat HAHA!

We all enjoy the cliché of the peaceful, good timing sixties where

hippies smoked weed and made love, not war, but seriously get a grip!

Please explain to me how the president smoking a peace pipe with Osama bin Laden will stop countries from attacking the U.S.

Smoking weed will not make the terrorists stop attacking our country or any other country for that matter.

Your final argument focused on racial issues.

You stated, "Because black people and Mexicans are more open about their culture smoking marijuana, those who have racist views of these people want to label them criminals."

No one wants to label anyone as criminals. The blacks and Mexicans you refer to, and any other races (or individuals) who smoke weed for that matter, label themselves as criminals by performing illegal acts.

"White government representatives," as you call them, lock up Caucasians, Asians, African-Americans, Hispanics, and anyone else they catch smoking and abusing illegal substances.

Stop your whining, and start working towards global peace by giving back to your community.

Pick up a bag of trash on the side of the road, or mentor a young child instead of wasting your time promoting weed.

The global problems will not be solved by you smoking weed and declaring in your high-flying state, "peace toward all men!"

Your argument to legalize marijuana is not only an ignorant one, but also one lacking any substantial fiber of truth and reasoning whatsoever.

It was the biggest load of horse rubbish I have ever wasted my time on.

It is illogical and irrational. I think many of us are wondering, were you high when you wrote it?

-Anonymous

props and drops

Props:

- + To controversial opinions.
- + To people who understood *The Rotunda*.
- + To the cast of *Eleemosynary* for an excellent job.
- + To electric girls.
- + To tie-dye.
- + To review copies of books! Wow!
- + To two weeks of classes left.

Drops:

- To not having the courage to stand behind your own ideas.
- To the Brock Clock.
- To plagiarizing public works.
- To intelligent humor perceived as arrogance.
- To running out of cafe dollars.

Speak Out

What would you like to see in *The Rotunda*?



Explanations about the housing and parking restrictions.

-Laura Terry
Freshman



Some more information on Longwood sports, possibly NCAA as well.

-Matt Lusk
Sophomore



Things that are happening in the community, and not just what's going on around campus.

-Kelsie Bradburry
and Heather Storrie
Freshmen



More information about the possibility of a vote of no confidence [of the Administration].

-Michael Harding
Senior

Author Speaks on Single Mothers' Struggles

Yolanda Cuba
Guest Writer

Dr. Ruth Sidel, renowned author and professor, came to Longwood University last week to discuss her new book, *Unsung Heroines: The Real Lives of Single Mothers*. Approximately 125 students came to watch Sidel in the bottom level of the Dining Hall.

President Patricia Cormier began the speech by thanking the English 400 Advanced Writing Skills class for all their hard work and effort.

She praised them for their participation in the class, mentioning that this class focuses on the processes of civic discourse and said that it is very important to understand civic duties.

After Cormier, Longwood Junior Lauren Bittner stepped up to the podium and gave some background information on Sidel. The author graduated from Boston University with a degree in social work, lives in New York and is a professor at Hunter College of the City University of

New York (CUNY).

In her work, Sidel explores women's connections to the ideals of the American dream. She has mapped the history of women's economic status. Pinpointing the central theme as poverty, she can now find real ways of altering the structure to bring fundamental, economic, and dynamic change.

Sidel began by thanking the audience for coming out despite the rain.

The focus of her current research is single mothers, explained Sidel. Dr. Sidel told the audience that in the early to mid 1990s there was a campaign against the poor, single mothers of America.

"Single women were all painted with the same brush," said Sidel. "They were all labeled 'dependant.'"

Quoting Charles Murray, Sidel said "and we know they are all rotten mothers."

Sidel explained that single women were accused of being the cause of many social and economic problems such as drug

addictions, truancy, high school dropouts, alcohol abuse and the breaking down of the American family.

In addition to these accusations, women were also labeled in terms Sidel calls "either/or thinking."

Women were classified as "idlers and workers," "independent and dependant," "unworthy and worthy" and finally "them and we."

Sidel justified her argument by saying that "We all know that reality is far more complex than that." Getting away from isolating just women, she said, "We all move in and out of degrees of dependency."

She said there has been an increase in single parenting and that the structure of families in America is changing.

More than 7.5 of American households are headed by women and 84 percent of children in single parent homes live with their mothers, which leaves only 16 percent that live with their fathers, cited Sidel.

Sidel explained that children who grow up in single parent homes are at a greater risk for problems down the road. It is also said that families with a woman as the head automatically equal a financially poor household. "For every dollar a man makes [in America] women make 75 per cent" of their wages, said Sidel.

She argues that Americans

have a skewed perspective of what single parenthood is all about. "Women choose to be single and women have made a series of bad choices," Sidel said, "But the reality is that is not true." Most women, according to Sidel, who become single mothers, do not make that choice on their own and it is not their fault.

She wants to look at single mothers, "from their point of view." Not focusing on what happens to the children, but focusing on the mother's struggles in terms of divorce, widowed and the mothers who never got married. Her focus is cross class, age and race.

She has conducted a study for her book, *Unsung Heroines: The Real Lives of Single Mothers*, on the women in the metropolitan New York area.

Looking in depth to their support systems, the roads they traveled, the family that helped them and the friends they relied on. "How do they deal with domestic roles and work roles? How do they care for themselves?" Sidel questions.

In the lecture, Sidel identified three women from her book and discussed their lives. The three women are a 27-year-old African American, a 46-year-old Latino and 54-year-old with a biracial son.

These three women go through extreme low-points, and with the utmost strength, manage to pull through.

The 27-year-old got pregnant at 14, but only missed one year of high school before she graduated in 1993. Since she always wanted to be a Registered Nurse, she pulled some strings and went through the LPN program in New York. She is now very involved in the church and her daughter sings in the church choir.

The next woman, 46-year-old Latino married at age 23 to a very controlling husband. He was violent and abusive to their son.

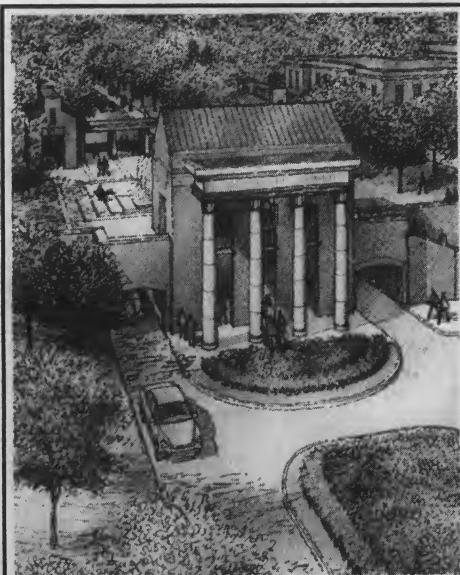
Along with two daughters in the house, she realized that she needed to get out. So she waited until she had saved up enough money on her own and then moved out. Five and a half year later she remarried and is still living in New York.

The final woman Sidel spoke of was the 54-year-old with the biracial son.

She was 29 when she got pregnant. Her son's father left during the seventh month of her pregnancy. She had the baby and then fulfilled her dream of going to college. From there she went to law school and is now taking care of herself.

"These single mothers," Sidel said, "were all coping with loss," loss of partner, social life, money and someone to help with the chores. All single mothers have had their life course disrupted. They relied on friends, family and religion to go on each day.

"No one can go it alone," said Sidel.



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Congratulations to Longwood's Relay for Life for raising \$7,700 for the American Cancer Society!

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Longwood University Civic Leadership Institute

Thursday April 15, 2004

Classroom Opportunities

Political Science 150 American
Government & Politics

Wynne Auditorium, 143

8:00-8:15 a.m.

Professor Dr. William Harbour
An introduction to the American political system with an emphasis upon the national political institutions, processes, groups, public behavior, and issues which shape contemporary society.

Guest Lecturer: Former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, Jim Wags.

Leadership Institutes

Citizen Leader Syndrome

Curry Commons, Curry Hall

4:30-5:30 p.m.

Presenters: Sarah Woleschek and Mark Rutherford

Too many things to do and not enough time to do them? Over-involved? You won't want to miss this workshop!

Diversity or Lack There Of?

Hiner Auditorium

4:00-5:00 p.m.

Presenters: Molly Newman and Candace Corbetta
Have you ever experienced prejudice at Longwood? Think that you are welcoming of diversity and have it all figured out? What are the realities of diversity here at Longwood? If you have ever asked yourself any of these questions you won't want to miss this workshop!

Learn to Juggle

Charlotte Room, Lankford Student Union

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Presenters: Ian Sale and Nicole Roach
Think you are a college leader just because you are involved in several organizations? Struggling with your classes, but shug it all because you are here to be crowned? Think academics don't have anything to do with being a college leader? Participate in a workshop designed around these questions and more!

Keynote Speaker

Political Leadership in America

Wynne Auditorium, 143

8:00-8:15 p.m.

Guest Lecturer: Jim Wright

Jarman Auditorium

8:00-8:15 p.m.

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April 9 - 15, 2004

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1-3 p.m.
WMLU 91.3 fm

Movie: Last Samurai
7:30 p.m. in the
Lankford ABC Rooms

Open Mic Night
10 p.m. in the Café

Saturday
10

HAPPY
HOLIDAYS
TO ALL!

Take advantage of
this uneventful day
on campus and take
a road trip to some
place that isn't
Farmville!!

Sunday
11

Men's and Women's
Tennis at Norfolk
State, 11 a.m.

No Radio Station
Meeting this Sunday!
Come to the meeting
next Sunday at 9 p.m.
in the Hiner 2nd floor
auditorium!

Monday
12

Want to join *The
Rotunda* staff?
9:15 p.m. in the
bottom of the
Student Union!

Listen to "Pimp
Juice"
11-12 a.m.
WMLU 91.3 fm

Tuesday
13

Baseball: Virginia
Intermont (2) at 1 p.m.

Faculty Forum: Mary
Carroll-Hackett, *Speaking
for Themselves--
Expressions of Poverty
and Class in Southern
Culture*, 3:30 p.m., ARC
3rd Floor Lounge

S.A.F.E. Meetings
4:30 p.m.
Student Union

University Choir Concert
at 7:30 p.m. in the
Wygol Auditorium

Health Week:
Depression 101 from
6-7 p.m. in the
Lakford ABC Rooms

Wednesday
14

Come edit pages for
The Rotunda in your
copious free time!

LP Speaker: Lizzie
Simon: *Mental Health*,
7:30-8:30 p.m. in the
Lankford Ballroom

Rock to "The Two Lil
Fat Kids Show" from
7-8 p.m.
WMLU 91.3 fm

Tune in to "Midnight in
the Garden of Good
and Evil"
12-2 a.m.
WMLU 91.3 fm

Thursday
15

Pick up a copy of *The
Rotunda*!

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8:00 p.m., Grainger
G18

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TECTING MARRIAGE?

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HOROSCOPES

by Sam Wise-Ridges

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan 19)

Graduation is fast approaching...start thinking about what you want to do with your life.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Feel like your stuck in a rut? Change your routine so that it is no longer, well, routine.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

I see a new relationship in your future...or a change for a better in your current relationship.

Aries (Mar. 21-April 19)

Running low on cash? Start the job hunt now.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

You know that person you always notice and want to get to know? I got it, try saying "hi."

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Stop letting people walk all over you.
Be aggressive. B...E...aggressive.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

All your hard work will pay off in the end.
Just don't give up now or you won't see it.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Be true to yourself and you'll be happier.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22)

Patience is a virtue, so trying having some.

Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22)

Take a chance and you won't be dissapointed.

Scorpio (Oct. 23. -Nov. 21)

Stop trying to control everyone. Just sit back and relax.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Regretting something you did recently?
Might as well get over it now, it's a small campus.

Tongue In Cheek

by Ellie Woodruff



Door tagging: Cow tipping of the Future

Foot in Mouth

by Ellie Woodruff



"Okay, I don't get it. It's closed, but who's up there?"
"Oh, those are just cardboard cutouts. They're the only thing they trust to not sink Brock Commons any further."

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~SGA office Wednesdays at 9:30~

Jersey Girl: A Box Office Must See

Bobbi Thibo
Asst. Editor

Still making waves in the box office, *Jersey Girl* is definitely a hit. Ollie Tinke (Ben Affleck) seems to have everything; a beautiful new wife, a baby on the way, and a top job as a publicist in New York. Just as it appears that nothing can go wrong, he finds himself a single father back in New Jersey, living with his father, and raising his daughter alone.

The chemistry between Ben Affleck and Liv Tyler is undeniable, and this connection only adds to this delightful film.

Trinke's relationship with his on-screen daughter, Raquel Castro, while downplayed in advertisements for the film, is a key component of the story.

An excellent story line and cast of characters, the film is a definitely worth seeing. The

script is a refreshing change from the typical and predictable story line that is often seen in today's theaters. If a comical, yet heart-felt film with an

amazing cast and creative script is what you're in the mood for, *Jersey Girl* is your way to go!



Mental Health Awareness Week @ Longwood University

April 12-15, 2004

Monday, April 12

Free Information on Mental Health
(brought to you by Wellness Advocates)
Student Union Ballroom, 5PM - 8PM

Tuesday, April 13

Depression Program
(brought to you by Peer Helpers)
Student Union ABC Rooms, 8PM

Wednesday, April 14

Lizzie Simon
"My Bipolar Road Trip in 4-D"
(brought to you by Wellness Advocates and Lancer Productions with support from SGA)
Student Union Ballroom, 8PM

Thursday, April 15

Free Depression Screening
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Student Union, 10-2PM

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Bobby Vrtis: A Man In A Woman's World?

Amanda Isley
Guest Writer

Bobby Vrtis graduated from Longwood University last year, with a BFA in Theatre.

Upon his graduation, Vrtis went to work for Wayside Theater in Northern Virginia, where he stage managed, acted, and assisted in the direction of one play.

Now, he's back at Longwood, pursuing the one accomplishment that alluded him during the final year of his college career: directing *Eleemosynary*.

Q: "Did you choose this play, or were you asked to direct it?"

A: "Actually, I wanted to direct it last year as an Underground show, but when I went to Gene about it, he said I couldn't because the department was doing it next year."

Q: "Really? So how did it happen that you came back to direct it this year?"

A: "Well, I came back last semester to see *Everyman*, and as I was talking to Gene, he

asked me what I was doing. I told him about Wayside Theater, but how I thought I wouldn't stay with them much longer. He then asked me if I would like to direct *Eleemosynary*."

Q: "And you jumped at the opportunity?"

A: "Yes; I tried not to seem too eager, but I really wanted it."

Dr. Muto and Bobby Vrtis had worked on two productions together while Vrtis attended Longwood.

Vrtis was listed as assistant director for both *Tartuffe* and *Twelfth Night* during his Senior year.

When asked to compare his experience as assistant director at Longwood University with his experience at Wayside Theater, Vrtis let out a sigh, running his hand through his hair.

A: "Very different. Gene gave me so much freedom that it spoiled me. Gene and I tend to have very similar senses of humor, so it made working together so much easier. At Wayside, the guy I was working with had a completely different

interpretation of the play from mine. I saw the play as being much more caustic, while the other director played more to the conservative audience.

I understood his stance, and so I had to relinquish a lot of my artistic freedom for that production."

Q: "Going along with compare and contrast, how does the art of directing satisfy your creativity differently from the art of acting?"

A: "In *Eleemosynary*, for example, there are three brilliant roles in which I would never, ever be cast, but as director, I get to play all the roles. If I want to really sink my teeth into a particular role, and really live it, that is when acting is the most fulfilling."

Not only is Vrtis faced with the direction and staging of an emotionally complex play, but he must also try to assert his professional position over those who were his peers only last year.

Q: "What have been your feelings about working in the Department of the University from which you graduated only a

year ago?"

A: "It's been a little strange drawing the line between the professional and the friend. I've tried to downplay the fact that we know each other in a social setting. The actresses have all been great. They listen well, and take direction. Overall, it's been rejuvenating. It's nice having complete artistic freedom."

Eleemosynary is a play requiring a very minimal set.

The director faces the challenge of creating action without the use of props.

Vrtis also has to illustrate significant leaps in time.

Q: "In *Eleemosynary*, many scenes contain actions from both the past and the present. What methods have you used in order to convey this to the audience?"

A: "I've worked to establish the play as non-linear from the very beginning. Christine Causey has worked with me on the lighting design. At the start of the play, we have used lighting to separate the past from the present, but as the play continues, there is less need for it.

There are a lot of changes in age, but the part of Echo contains the most drastic. She varies from a teenager to an infant. The staging is very subtle, but I don't think the audience will have any trouble knowing what's going on. The actresses have worked on really seeing the world Lee Blessing has created, and they do a great job of transmitting that world."

The play is very emotional, and could be seen as very feminine.

Theatre majors Aubrie Therrien, Anna Richardson, and Courtney Kappel tackle the emotionally complex roles of *Eleemosynary*.

Q: "*Eleemosynary* is a decidedly feminine play. From the male point of view, has it been at all awkward or challenging to direct this play?"

A: "Not really. Lee Blessing's plays are essentially about human beings. There is something that transcends the roles of gender-and besides, I've been taking shots of estrogen, just in case."

Technical Problems Don't Detract from *Eleemosynary's* Debut

Amanda Isley
Guest Writer

Entering at the back of Jarman Auditorium, where the black box theatre is located, I wasn't quite sure what to expect.

Eleemosynary was opening after only sixteen rehearsals.

The Director, Bobby Vrtis, a Longwood alumnus, had minimal experience in directing outside of Longwood.

The audience would be sparse due to Relay for Life, and other collegiate pressures that culminated at this point in the semester.

Despite all of these setbacks, *Eleemosynary* opened Friday, April

2, and was a success.

No one left the house without being affected by the emotional turmoil of the show.

Many people were hastily brushing away tears when they were caught by the unexpected dawn of the house lights.

Being a powerful, and affecting play in script form, *Eleemosynary*, written by Lee Blessing, was able to overcome the several minor technical faults of the production.

Considering the lack of time for preparation, the faults are very small, but not unrecognizable.

The stage set-up was poor.

Although a small space limits the size of the audience, it should not hinder the viewing of the production.

The row of chairs exceeded the length of the stage, and the proximity of the seats to the long stage made it very difficult to see the action of the play, which mostly favored the right side of the house.

I sat slightly left of the middle, and found myself having to turn my head at a very uncomfortable angle in order to see.

A semi-circular seating arrangement would have greatly increased the audience's visibility without affecting the intimacy of the production.

Another minor problem with the production was the lack of body language.

Many times the actresses failed to use any type of mannerism or physical expression to convey their emotions.

The director, Bobby Vrtis, did,

however, do an excellent job blocking certain scenes.

The actresses also did an amazing job with conveying their emotions through the dialogue.

The actresses were actually crying onstage during the most heart-rending scenes.

The scene between Courtney Kappel, who played the part of Artie, and Anna Richardson, who played her mother, was very poignant.

While discussing the future of Artie's baby, Richardson slowly moved behind Kappel, placed her arms on her shoulders, and then gradually slid one hand down to Kappel's feigned pregnant belly. The motion was extremely effective.

Another instance of effective blocking was when Aubrie Therrien, playing the role of Artie's daughter, was helping her grandmother do physical therapy.

Kappel entered and the tension between them manifested

itself in the rapid, less fluid motions of Dorothea's exercises, as Therrien moved her grandmother's limbs in stiff, jerky motions that had once been smooth.

Each actress was superbly cast, doing noteworthy justice to the three emotionally demanding roles.

Kappel displayed her pain and disgust, manifested in her vivid facial expressions. Richardson's smile fit her character's odd placidity, while she expertly stooped her shoulders gradually, subtly portraying her increasing age. Therrien embodied the complex little girl, torn between her developed love for her grandmother, and her innate love for her mother.

Overall, I highly recommend this production. The human need for love and affection is portrayed with startling clarity, and a depth that penetrates even the hardest layers of the heart.

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Women's Lacrosse Continues Winning Streak 10-0

Sports Information

Longwood University maintained its unblemished record last week, picking up two home wins after defeating west coast foe UC-Davis, 15-13, March 30 and Pfeiffer, 17-4, April 3. The Lancers, ranked #1 in the Inside Lacrosse Division II Power Poll, are outscoring opponents 146-74 - 7.2 goals per game - during their current win streak and are now a perfect 10-0 on the season. Longwood will return to action Tuesday, April 6, as it hosts George Washington - its fifth NCAA Division I opponent this season - beginning at 4 p.m. at Lancer Field.

Against UC-Davis in the "Battle of the Banned", Longwood jumped on the board first, as senior Tia Richardson/Ellicott City, Md. (Centennial) secured the opening

draw control and sprinted down the field, scoring the first goal of the match within 13 seconds. The Aggies responded with a goal of their own at the 26:05 mark from Stacy Sugarman. The two teams continued to trade goals throughout an evenly matched half that featured seven ties and four lead changes.

UC-Davis held the largest advantage - just a two-goal margin - during the first session, scoring back-to-back goals at 15:34 and 12:59 to take a 6-4 lead. However, Longwood responded with two unanswered goals of its own, as junior Emily Bikowski/Fairfax (Bishop O'Connell) found the back of the net with 10:56 remaining off a pass from senior Carlee Ullery/Keswick (Albemarle) and junior Leanne Kibler/Oakton (Oakton) scored 23 seconds later, unassisted. Both teams regis-

tered two more goals before breaking at the intermission with an even 8-8 match.

The Lancers exploded in the second half, scoring six unanswered goals in the first 21 minutes.

Junior Sophie Dress/Ellicott City, Md. (Howard) sparked the scoring spree, finding the back of the net at the 22:19 mark off a pass from classmate Isa Cohen/Mineral (Fairfax). Cohen then dished out another assist, this time to senior Kristy Taylor/Lorton (Bishop Ireton) with 18:34 remaining. Dress continued to fuel the effort, scoring her third goal of the match, unassisted, followed by Ullery's goal, again off a pass from Cohen. Cohen then kept the ball, scoring back-to-back goals at 11:49 and 8:44 to give Longwood its largest advantage of the match (14-8).

After remaining scoreless

throughout the second period, UC-Davis finally found the back of the net with 7:15 remaining in the match off an unassisted goal from Kado. The Aggies continued to challenge the Lancers' lead, scoring four more goals in five minutes, including a free position goal at 0:22 from Albin, to trim the deficit to 15-13. However, Longwood defender junior Shawn Slotke/Baltimore, Md. (Roland Park) halted the Aggies late rally, as she came up with a crucial caused turnover with seven seconds remaining in the game to secure the Lancers' flawless record.

Cohen closed out the contest with a season-high seven points on three goals and four assists, while Dress finished with a season-best four points on three goals and one assist. Other scorers include Bikowski (3g), Leanne Kibler (2g, 1a), Taylor (1g, 2a), Ullery (1g, 2a), Richardson (1g), sophomore Ali Shafer/Fairfax (Fairfax) (1g), and freshman Cathleen Strain/Alexandria (Mt. Vernon) (1a). For their efforts, Cohen, along with teammates Ullery and Leanne Kibler were named to the "Battle of the Banned" all-star team.

Senior Stacey Schmidt/Berlin, N.J. (Eastern Regional) went the distance in front of the net, registering six saves on 28 Aggie shots.

Against Pfeiffer, Taylor started the Lancer offensive attack, netting back-to-back goals within the opening two minutes of the game. She posted her first goal at the 29:10 mark, unassisted, followed by her second of five goals 1:57 into the half off a pass from junior Isa Cohen/Mineral (Fairfax). Longwood continued its scoring, netting 11 more goals before the recess to enter the break with a convincing 13-3 advantage over the visiting Falcons. After opening the second session with a sizable lead, the Lancers never looked back. Longwood found the back of the net four more times to claim the decisive home win.

Taylor finished the match with a season-best eight points off five goals - including her 100th career goal - and three assists, while

Ullery helped pace the Lancer offense, registering four points on three goals - her fourth hat trick of the season - and one assist. Cohen closed out the match with a goal and three assists, while Bikowski and freshman Jenn Shipp/Charlottesville (Albemarle) had a goal and an assist apiece. Other scorers include Richardson (1g, 1p), Dress (1g, 1p), Shafer (1g, 1p) and classmate Kerry Ryan/Springfield (West Springfield) (1g, 1p), freshmen Kathleen Barry/Annandale (W.T. Woodson) (1g, 1p) and Missy Rumbley/Baltimore (Parkville) (1g, 1a), along with Leanne Kibler (1a, 1p) and Strain (1a, 1p).

Schmidt and sophomore Emily Wilson/Owings, Md. (Northern) split the game in front of the net. The duo combined for five saves during the match, getting two and three, respectively.

Statistical Update

Ullery currently paces the Lancer offense, registering a team-best 36 points on 20 goals and a team-best 16 assists. Cohen has earned 34 points on 18 goals and a team-best 16 assists, while Bikowski and Taylor are close behind with 33 and 32 points, respectively. Bikowski has netted a team-high 25 goals and passed out eight assists, while Taylor has recorded 17 goals and 15 assists. Other scorers include Leanne Kibler (14g, 12a, 26p), Shafer (13g, 3a, 16p), Shipp (11g, 2a, 13p), Dress (7g, 5a, 12p), Strain (6g, 4a, 10p), Richardson (7g, 2a, 9p), Barry (3g, 1a, 4p), sophomore Kelly Gaines/Fairfax (W.T. Woodson) (2g, 1a, 3p), Ryan (1g, 1a, 1p), freshman Glenna Kibler/Oakton (Oakton) (1g, 1p), and Rumbley (1g, 1p).

In goal, Schmidt has posted 387:29 minutes played, including 45 saves for a .446 save percentage. The senior also owns an 8.67 goals against average. Wilson has played 212:31 minutes, recording 31 saves for a .633 save percentage, while posting a 5.08 goals against average. Combined, the duo has made 76 stops for a .507 save percentage and a 7.40 goals against average.

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Baseball Wins Three of Four Games: Now 26-8

Sports Information

Longwood University won three of four games played last week, defeating Saint Augustine's March 29 (16-2) before taking two of three games at Limestone (S.C.) April 3-4 (13-10, 10-17, 4-3). The Lancers have won 11 of their last 13 games to improve their overall record to 26-8. It marks the 19th time in the last 23 years that the tradition-rich program has attained at least 25 wins in a season. Longwood was scheduled to host Southern Virginia University Tuesday, April 6, and Virginia State University Wednesday, April 7 -- a pair of 1 p.m. doubleheaders at Lancer Stadium in Farmville.

Against Saint Augustine's, Longwood scored runs in all but one inning during the 16-run, 12-hit effort that was stopped via the 7-inning, 10-run rule. The Lancers spotted the Falcons a run in the 1st inning before scoring two runs in the 1st, five runs in the 2nd, one run in the 3rd, five runs in the 4th, and three runs in the 5th innings. Senior Brian Medley/Halifax (Halifax Co.) (3-5, 3 RBI) and freshman Tyler Ames/Exmore (Northampton) (3-5, 2 RBI) each collected three hits to lead the attack. Medley finished with a double and two stolen bases, while Ames banged out two triples on the day. Junior Danny McCraw/Pamplin (Randolph-Henry) (2-2, RBI) and freshman Zach Zigrang/Virginia

Beach (Kempsville) (2-2, 3 RBI) each added two hits as Zigrang also contributed a sacrifice fly. Freshman Alan Moore/Richmond (Monacan) (6-2) earned the complete-game pitching win on the mound, scattering four hits and two unearned runs with a career-high 10 strikeouts over the 7.0 innings. It was Moore's team-best fourth complete-game.

At Limestone in the opener, Longwood led 10-3 in the sixth inning before the hosts scored six runs in the 6th and tied the game at 10-10 with a run in the 8th inning. The Lancers played the game-winning runs in the extra 11th inning, aided by a two-run home run from junior Brett Mooney/Virginia Beach (Salem) (1-5, 2 RBI). Medley (4-5, 4 RBI) had a huge offensive effort for the Lancers with three home runs, including a solo shot in the 11th inning for the game-winner, to give him a team-best and career-best 12 homers this season. Medley now has hit 35 career home runs to move into fifth all-time at Longwood. The Lancers also received home runs from Ames (1-4, 3 RBI) and freshman Tyler Childress/Montclair (Forest Park) (2-5, 2 RBI) -- the first collegiate home run for Ames. Zigrang (7-0) earned his team leading seventh pitching win -- all in relief this season -- with the final 5.1 innings on the mound, scattering four hits and

one earned run with one strikeout. In the nightcap, Limestone scored seven runs in the 3rd inning and led 12-4 through five innings en route to the win. Mooney (2-3, 2 RBI) and Zigrang (2-2, 2 RBI) each collected two hits for Longwood, including a home run by Zigrang. Junior Chris Balus/Newport News (Denbigh) (1-2, RBI) also hit a home run for the Lancers. Sophomore Mike Brown/Courtland (Southampton) (2-2) took the pitching loss as the starter on the mound with the first 3.0 innings, allowing 11 hits and 10 earned runs with three strikeouts.

At Limestone in the series finale, Childress (1-4, RBI) led-off the 9th inning with a solo home run to center field for the game-winning hit, and the decisive run. It was the fourth homer of the season for the first-year catcher. The visitors had trailed 2-1 after one inning, and 3-1 through three innings, before tying the game at 3-3 in the 6th inning. Freshman Charlie Yarbrough/Richmond (Mills Godwin) (3-3, 2 RBI) collected three of the seven Lancer hits to lead the effort -- all doubles to push his team-leading total to 17 this spring. Medley (1-1) drew four walks in the game, and was walked nine times in the three games after hitting three home runs in the series opener. Balus (1-0) earned his first collegiate pitching win in relief with the final 1.2 scoreless innings on the mound, allowing just one hit with two strikeouts. Freshman Brian

McCullough/Virginia Beach (Princess Anne) started the contest and went the first 7.1 innings for the Lancers, scattering 10 hits and three earned runs with three strikeouts.

Season Statistics

Through 34 games, Medley continues to have the hot bat and leads Longwood with his impressive .528 batting average (66-125), including a team-best 12 home runs, 11 doubles, and a team-best 55 RBI and a perfect 15-15 on steals. Medley is followed by Ames and his .462 batting average (55-119), adding eight doubles, a team-best five triples, and 29 RBI. Others include Zigrang (.420, 3-HR, 17-RBI), McCraw (.390, 2-HR, 21-RBI), Yarbrough (.383, team-best 17-2B, 5-HR, 34-RBI), Mooney (.367, 5-HR, 28-RBI), freshman Hunter Williams/Richmond (Varina) (.356, 13 RBI), Balus (.337, 5-HR, 24-RBI, 14-14 SB), senior Louis Shackelford/Newport News (Denbigh) (.309, 3-HR, 25-RBI), junior Robert Gillis/Dartmouth, Nova Scotia (Auburn Drive) (.276, 3-HR, 14-RBI), freshmen Matt Fitzgerald/Fairfax Station (Hayfield) (.273, 4-RBI) and Nathan Martin/Chesterfield (Manchester) (.259, 5-RBI), along with Childress (.255, 4-HR, 17-RBI). Knically (.750, 2 RBI) and Brown (.500) have fared well in four at-bats each.

On the mound, among the four regular starters, Moore (6-2, 1 save) sports a 3.25 ERA

through a team-best 55.1 innings with 45 strikeouts (7.32). McCullough (3-0) follows with his 4.45 ERA through 30.1 innings with 24 strikeouts (7.12), senior Evan Weinstein/Toronto, Ontario (W.L. MacKenzie) (3-1) has a 5.64 ERA through 30.1 innings with 21 strikeouts (6.23), and Brown (2-2) has a 6.17 ERA through 35.0 innings with 20 strikeouts (5.14). In the bullpen, Zigrang (7-0) leads the way with his 1.71 ERA through 21.0 innings with 19 strikeouts (8.14). Junior Darin Knically/Elkton (Spotswood) (2-0, 1 save) follows with his 3.60 ERA through 25.0 innings with 29 strikeouts (10.44). Others include Martin (1-0, 2.25 ERA, 4.0 IP, 3K-6.75), Shackelford (1-0, 5.40 ERA, 5.0 IP, 4K-7.20), Gillis (0-1, 7.71 ERA, 2.1 IP), sophomore Mike Williams/Hampton (Kecoughtan) (0-0, 10.97 ERA, 10.2 IP, 8K-6.75), and Balus (1-0, 1 save, 14.04 ERA, 8.1 IP, 10K-10.80). The Lancers continue to hit for a high-average with an outstanding team batting average of .372 with 43 home runs and 289 RBI while scoring 9.82 runs per game. Longwood has posted a team ERA of 5.23 through 246.0 innings with 198 strikeouts (7.24).

Following the action against Southern Virginia and Virginia State, Longwood will travel to Wilson, N.C. for a three-game weekend series at Barton College April 9-10.

Men's and Women's Tennis Both Win Last Week's Matches

Sports Information

Men's - Longwood University won its only match played last week, defeating Belmont Abbey (N.C.) (8-1) April 3.

The wet weather last week forced postponement of two scheduled matches against Mary Washington and Hampden-Sydney, respectively - the latter may be re-scheduled this upcoming week.

The Lancers have evened their record at .500 and are now 7-7 overall, and will play again April 8 -- hosting NCAA Division I and Big South Conference member Liberty University beginning at 2 p.m. at the Lancer Courts.

Against the Abbey, Longwood won five of six singles and all

three doubles matches.

In singles, freshman Rashko Patnikov/Bankya, Bulgaria (Smirrenski) won at #1 (6-4, 6-3), as did junior Chris Newman/Chesapeake (Hickory) at #2 (6-3, 6-0), sophomore Ian Young/Bowie, Md. (Eleanor Roosevelt) at #4 (6-1, 6-4), senior Garrett Green/Fredericksburg (Stafford) at #5 (6-0, 6-3), along with sophomore Justin Dorsk/Virginia Beach (Kempsville) at #6 (6-0, 6-1).

In doubles, Newman and sophomore Diego Quiros/Quesada, Costa Rica (Maria Inmaculada) won at #1 (8-2), as did Patnikov and Green at #2 (8-6), along with Young

and Dorsk at #3 (8-2).

Women's Tennis

Longwood University won its only match played last week, defeating Belmont Abbey (N.C.) (9-0) April 3.

The Lancers are now 9-4 overall, and will play again April 8 -- hosting NCAA Division I and Big South Conference member Liberty University beginning at 2 p.m. at the Lancer Courts.

Against the Abbey, Longwood won all singles and doubles matches.

In singles, senior Danielle Hess/Bel Air, Md. (Bel Air) won at #1 (6-0, 6-0), as did freshmen Lexi Torrice/Richmond (Douglas Freeman) at #2 (6-1, 6-0), and Nancy Hott/Fairfax (W.T.

Woodson) at #3 (6-0, 6-0). The Lancers picked-up default wins at #4, #5, and #6 as the Crusaders only dressed three players.

In doubles, freshmen Romana Bucur/Brasov, Romania (Joan Mscota) and Jenn Edwards/Newport News (Hampton Roads Academy) won at #1 (8-2) as Longwood gained default wins at #2 and #3.

Season Records

Torrice, also a starter on the women's soccer team, leads Longwood with her 8-4 record in singles, followed by Bucur (8-7), Hott (7-4), Hess (6-4), seniors Cecilia Robinson/Lynchburg (Brookville) (5-5), Laura Whitehurst/Chesapeake (Western Branch) (5-7), and Amber

Miller/Virginia Beach (First Colonial) (4-2), Edwards (4-8), along with sophomores Ashley Moore/Midlothian (Midlothian) (1-2) and Jessica Farr/Williamsburg (Lafayette) (0-3). In doubles, Bucur and Edwards are 8-2, followed by Miller and Whitehurst (7-1), along with Hess and Torrice (5-4).

Following the Liberty match, Longwood is scheduled to play at Division I and BSC member Radford University April 10, before Division I Norfolk State University visits Farmville on Easter Sunday, April 11, at 12:30 p.m. on the Lancer Courts. The NSU contest will complete the 2004 season.

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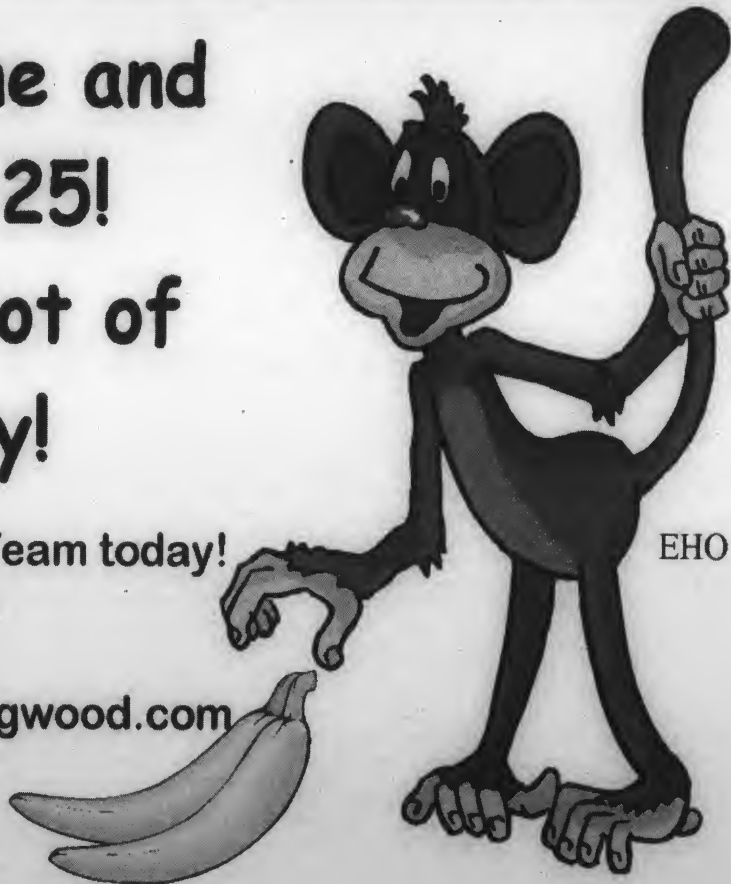
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New Recreation Center to be Built Starting Late This Year

Julie Pfeiffer
Office of Public Relations

Longwood University will once again become even more beautiful when it adds a new three story, 75,000-square foot recreation facility to its campus. According to Brent Douglass, Director of Facilities Management, "The new recreation facility will bring Longwood up to a comparable or better position than other universities and colleges it competes against for students."

Whether it's playing basketball with your friends, running track, doing aerobics, or climbing a mountain, this new recreation center has it all.

It will house two basketball courts, one Multi Activity Court (MAC) gymnasium, two racquetball courts, three multipurpose rooms for aerobics, etc., an indoor running track, climbing wall, and main workout room

with positions for approximately 180 pieces of equipment.

Not only does it allow a great variety of workouts, it also offers a juice bar for when you feel the need to replenish those tired muscles.

Offices for Student Recreation and Student Health and Wellness will be located in the building, and locker rooms for faculty, staff and students will be included.

There will also be equipment rental and storage facilities available, for those who need them.

The design of the building will complement the architecture of Longwood's campus.

A unique integrated design feature of the building is that each floor is transparent.

Whether you're on the top floor looking down, or the bottom floor looking up, you can see

The lobby of the building will be located on a transparent bridge, centrally located on the second floor, where viewers can see all interaction taking place in the gymnasium and basketball courts.

The campus recreation program will be adding new programs once the new recreation center is complete.

There will be lessons/instructional programs on how to use the climbing wall and racquetball courts.

Two new intramural sports, walleyball and pickleball, will be added.

Walleyball is volleyball played on a racquetball court but the ball

can now be bounced off the wall.

Pickleball is volleyball, but this time, instead of your arms you use a paddle.

The cost of the building is part of the overall tuition, and student fees will cover student use of the facility.

The new center will not be used for intercollegiate sports competition and is strictly for student recreational use. According to the Director of Campus Recreation Jeremy Runion, the new facility will allow for more accessible times.

"The hours have not been set as of now but they are looking to be open everyday from 6am to 10 or 11pm" he said.

Still in the planning stages, construction will start near the end of 2004.

The building will be centrally

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activity on each floor.

The indoor track is suspended above the second floor and will have gates on the outside for safety.

Anthropology and Archaeology Students Participate 3-Day Nomini Hall Excavation

Katherine Bowen
Guest Writer

On Thursday March 25th as the sun rose, thirty-five Longwood University students set forth on a three-day excursion. Led by Dr. James Jordan and Dr. Brian Bates of the Anthropology program, the students of the Honors Prehistoric Human Life class as well as the Introduction to Archaeology class caravanned their way from Farmville to Westmoreland County. They were on their way to the farm of Mary Farley Ames Lee, which was donated to Longwood University in 1999. After many weeks of hearing about the Ames Lee Longwood Farm, and of the Nomini Hall plantation and Church, as well as Yeocomico Church they were all anxious to see them with their own eyes.

When they arrived at the farm, Dr. Jordan led them on a tour of the grounds. They began with the building they would call home for

the next three days. The great lecture hall was already warming from the wood-burning furnace, and the students filed through, staking their claim on mattresses and sofas. They were then led through the two other bunk houses, and bathroom facilities, and were then taken up to see the "big house". At the "big house", were Mary Farley Ames Lee, Longwood, class of 1936, lived, Dr. Jordan discussed the family history of the farm, and it's connection with Longwood. The students also learned about its activities while it was a tobacco farm, and the importance of its location near the Patomac River.

Since 1993 Longwood has conducted archeological excavations on the farm, as well as on nearby locations such as Nomini Hall, Nomini Church, and Yeocomico Church. The results of the excavations have revealed information

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Students from Dr. Jordan's and Dr. Bates's classes excavate possible Colonial-era dwelling site in Westmoreland County.



Primitive Technologies Club members practice flint knapping in hopes of making the perfect projectile point.

12th Semi-Annual PrimTech

Katherine Bowen
Guest Writer

The usually peaceful and quiet Longwood University Archaeology Field House in Clover, Virginia erupted with activity the weekend of March 19th through 21st. The Primitive Technologies Club held their semiannual weekend field school, where twenty-five of the club's members came to learn and teach techniques in experimental archaeology.

The weekend consisted of six introductory sessions on skills such as fire making, hunting and tracking, flint knapping,

cordage, ceramics, and weaving. These spanned from Friday evening, until Saturday afternoon. The students were then given an opportunity to work on individual projects. Atlatls, spears, bows, clay vessels, projectile points, didgeridoos and various other primitive implements were constructed throughout the weekend.

This session there were deer hides available for the students to work with. Some of the less squeamish experimented with primitive tanning techniques.

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Words From the Editor



Have I told about my best friend? No? Good.

First of all, I love her more than almost anyone on the face of this planet (my grandma being the only one I love more).

Second of all, we are one of the best lessons in being accepting of differences. You all know about me, here is Stef:

She's straight.

She's an atheist.

She's liberal as all hell.

She's just a huge chest.

She loathes Virginia Woolf.

She's amazing.

In middle school, we were bitter enemies. She stole my boyfriend, and then I stole him back. I was a nerd, but she was even more so. I made fun of her

endlessly for changing her spelling of "Stephanie" to "Stefani" after Gwen. She drove me nuts.

We both played soccer, but on different teams. She once said to me many years after the fact that during one game she wanted more than anything to kick the ball and hit my head with it.

We were nice, ch?

But along came junior year of high school, and we were both a mess, but neither one knew it. She found my online journal and left a note, so I subsequently found hers.

We had way more in common than we knew what to do with. (That reminds me, she's an English major, and ending that sentence on a preposition will make her twitch as well.)

We started talking, and, by

the next year, we were joined at the hip, for lack of a better cliché.

But, back to the differences.

One thing I love so much about Stef is that she never makes me feel like less of a person for who I am. She doesn't make fun of how religious I am; she will tease me for being conservative, but, it happens.

She's part of an atheist community online and will defend to the end someone's right to have a belief, so, if someone posts about how awful all Christians are, she'll shoot right back saying how they are being just as ignorant and intolerant as the type of people they

hate.

We can have long, informative discussions about hot topics and walk away unscathed.

She reads *The Blade* and tolerates my fantasies for various celebrities. (She has to; she's the one who is completely gone for Tom Hanks.)

Together, we'll drive fast down roads we shouldn't go fast on with the windows down and we'll scream along to songs like "Big Car" by Susan Werner and "Tony" by Patty Griffin and laugh when everyone in the other cars makes fun of us.

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Second of all, we are one of the best lessons in being accepting of differences. You all know about me, here is Stef:

She's straight.

She's an atheist.

She's liberal as all hell.

She's just a huge chest.

She loathes Virginia Woolf.

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In middle school, we were bitter enemies. She stole my boyfriend, and then I stole him back. I was a nerd, but she was even more so. I made fun of her

endlessly for changing her spelling of "Stephanie" to "Stefani" after Gwen. She drove me nuts.

We both played soccer, but on, different teams. She once said to me many years after the fact that during one game she wanted more than anything to kick the ball and hit my head with it.

We were nice, eh?

But along came junior year of high school, and we were both a mess, but neither one knew it. She found my online journal and left a note, so I subsequently found hers.

We had way more in common than we knew what to do with. (That reminds me, she's an English major, and ending that sentence on a preposition will make her twitch as well.)

We started talking, and, by

the next year, we were joined at the hip, for lack of a better cliché.

But, back to the differences.

One thing I love so much about Stef is that she never makes me feel like less of a person for who I am. She doesn't make fun of how religious I am; she will tease me for being conservative, but, it happens.

She's part of an atheist community online and will defend to the end someone's right to have a belief, so, if someone posts about how awful all Christians are, she'll shoot right back saying how they are being just as ignorant and intolerant as the type of people they

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Lancer will continue to house the Department of Health, Recreation, and Kinesiology and will still be used for some recreation and intercollegiate activities.

The facility's architects are Moseley Architects from Virginia Beach with the recreation consultants Hastings and Chivetta from St. Louis, Missouri.

For more information and sketches of the new building go to www.lwc.edu and click on current students, student life, then recreation.

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There were some unique projects going on around the field house this semester. There was a continuous stream of smoke rising from a hollowed piece of bamboo that emerged from the ground away from the main activity area. This was where Prim Tech member Will Pettus was constructing a storage pit. He experimented with firing the interior of a pit for the use of storing cracked corn. He will exhume his stored corn during the next

seminar this fall and determine the success of such a food storing method. Amanda Hale, president of the Prim Tech Club, spent most of her free time constructing a bamboo raft. Its maiden voyage took off on Saturday evening, however the S.S. Hale failed to support much weight.

The Primitive Technologies Club brings back the old methods of survival that our ancestors lived by. There is always something new to learn about Primitive Technologies. Through participating in experimental archaeology the students gain a great respect for the skill that it takes to construct tools, weapons, and other items that we consider to be primitive. The Club has grown rapidly in the past few years and continues to grow, they are all looking forward to continued experiences in experimental archaeology.

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The students were immersed in the history of the locations. They got a daily dose of readings from the journals of Philip Vickers Fithian, who was a tutor at Nomini Hall in the late 1700's. Readings for each day from Fithian's journals opened up a window to the past, they were given an idea what was going on at Nomini Hall approximately 200 years ago. In the spirit of Fithian all the students kept journals of their

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In the valley there were many small humps of ground. These mounds were what they wished to focus their attention on. Four of the hills were chosen for further examination through excavation. Through the excavation process they found a number of brick features, as well as French wine bottle glass, ceramic shards, a piece of a projectile point, charcoal, and various other artifacts that would suggest that there was past human activity at that site.

The trip was an excellent experience for students to put into action the archaeological techniques and methods that had been discussed in the classroom. The Ames Lee farm is an asset to the student body, and provides hands on opportunities to students in many fields of study.

Important National Voting Information

Raven Stanley
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With the coming elections it is more important than ever that Americans vote.

According to the 2000 Census only 45.4 percent of 18 to 24-year-olds are registered to vote. Even fewer, just 32.2 percent, of 18 to 24 year olds actually vote. More females in this age group vote with just 34.6 percent total.

The low voter turnout of 18 to 24-year-olds results in relevant issues being ignored by legislatures and potential candidates. Issues that affect demographic are not only not discussed by candidates, but are also largely ignored by the mainstream media.

For instance, bills on college funding were left out of the news, where they covered items such as local road funding, or the recently defeated bill which set out to regulate emergency contraceptives.

While it may not always be easy for college students to return home to vote there is

If a larger number of 18 to 24-year-olds both registered and voted, politicians would begin to listen and consider more of what directly affects this demographic.

If politicians began to address any given issue, the news media would begin to cover it as they covered not only candidates, but the issues as well.

In the last presidential election, it was more apparent than any time in recent history that every vote counts. For this reason, every American should at least register to vote so, when there is an issue or candidate that they strongly support or dislike, she can express her opinion in the voter's booth - not just in the street or through letters.

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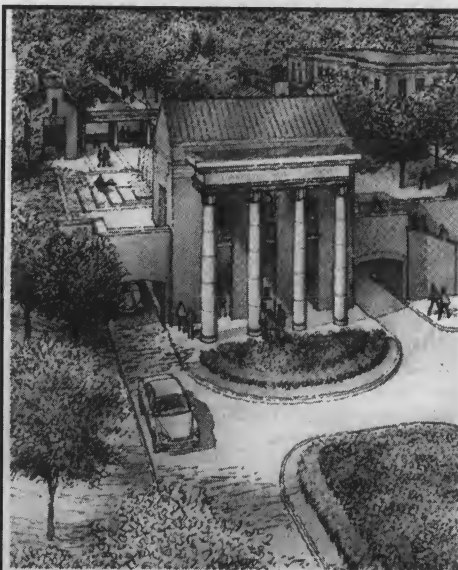
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To be inducted into Upsilon Pi Epsilon, a student has to be at least a junior and be in the top-third among computer science majors, said Stan McCaslin, lecturer in computer science, who is the chapter's adviser.

Those who were inducted are seniors James Baca, Chris Glaze, Steve Hertel,

Brent Morris and Jason Shiflett and juniors Courtney Crawford, Carl Holmes and Morgan Reed.

Courtney Crawford is the president and Carl Holmes is vice president.

The international president of Upsilon Pi Epsilon, Dr. Robert Roggio, a professor at the University of North Florida, attended the ceremony to present the charter.

The honor society, founded at Texas A&M University in 1967, seeks to recognize academic excellence at both the undergraduate and graduate levels in the computing and information disciplines.

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Tuesday
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Faculty Forum:
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7:30 p.m. Wygal
Auditorium.

Saturday
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Wednesday
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Tune in to "Midnight in
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Sunday
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Senior Voice &
Percussion Recital:
4 p.m. in the Wygal
Auditorium.

Awards banquet
12 p.m.

Eleemosynary,
3 p.m. in the
Jarman Auditorium.

Monday
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Want to join *The
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9:15 p.m. in the
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Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Spend some time by yourself today and treat yourself to something you've wanted for awhile.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

Stressed? Take a break from your work and relax.

Aries (Mar. 21-April 19)

Put all that energy you have to good use and get started on those papers that are due soon.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

If the bad weather brings you down, you can look forward to the sunny days ahead.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

If your grades don't turn out like you had hoped, try thinking about how much you procrastinate.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Feeling down? Well, tomorrow is another day.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Smile at everyone you see and you will make a good impression on a certain person.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22)

Take a couple summer classes to get ahead.

Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22)

Want to change your major but not sure? Do it.

Scorpio (Oct. 23. -Nov. 21)

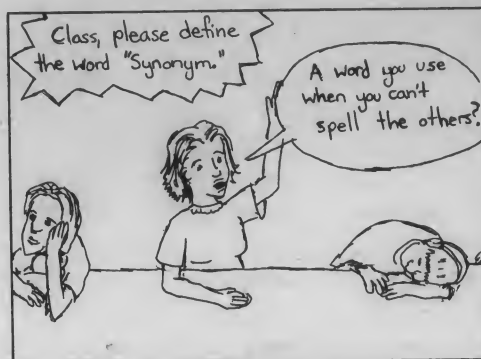
Trying to make up your mind between two things, or people? Decide soon or you'll regret it.

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Write important facts down today or you'll forget them.

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SoCo and Yellowcard to Play at Bandfest

Amanda Segni
Style Editor

As some of you may already know, Something Corporate and Yellowcard are two of the bands that will be playing here at Longwood University for "Bandfest 2004."

These bands are on a co-headlining tour together that will be performing on April 16, the Friday night of the much-anticipated Spring Weekend celebration.

For those of you that do not know much about Something Corporate or Yellowcard and would like to know what they are all about, I am here to provide a little insight and hopefully convince everyone to come check out what promises to be a very entertaining show.

Something Corporate is a band that has done a lot during the time that they have been, well, Something Corporate.

The band consists of Andrew McMahon, who plays the piano

and takes care of the vocals, the bass player known simply as "Clutch," Josh Partington and William Tell are the band's guitar players, and last but certainly not least, Brian Ireland on the drums.

Their first album, *Ready...Break*, was released without the help of a record label and is longer in print.

They have since released the EP, *Audiobaxer*, followed by the CD *Leaving Through The Window*, and their most current release *North*.

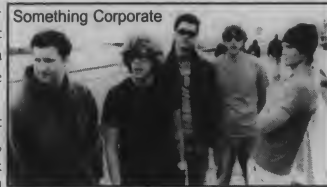
I have seen Something Corporate before, at a show they put on in D.C. last year, and all I have to say that they are great live.

You don't have to take my word for it though, come see for yourselves. If you want to know anything else about this band,

check out their official website at www.somethingcorporate.com.

Yellowcard is a band that I had the pleasure of seeing for the

first time a couple years back in



Richmond, and they will put on an amazing show as well. I guarantee it, and they will prove me right.

Crazy energy, electric violin, and back flips off the stage...you name it.

The guys that make up Yellowcard are, Ryan Key on guitar and vocals, Sean Mackin on the violin and vocals, Ben Harper (no, not that Ben Harper, it's just a coincidence) on guitar, and Longineu Parsons on the drums.

The members of the band, whom are only in their early

twenties, have been making lots of music since they have been together, and have quite a few albums under their belts already.

They first put together the albums *Midget Tossing*, *Where We Stand*, and their *Still Standing* EP.

However, those records are no longer in print.

Following those releases is the album that started getting them a lot of attention, *One For The Kids*, followed by *The Underdog* EP, and the release of their newest album, *Ocean Avenue*.

Yellowcard's official website is www.yellowcardrock.com for more information on them.

Also, coming along on the *Something Corporate*/Yellowcard tour is a band called The Format.

An up-and-coming band in the music scene, there wasn't

much information to be found about this band.

However, it is rumored that The Format has a sound that is all their own and it should be interesting to see what they are all about.

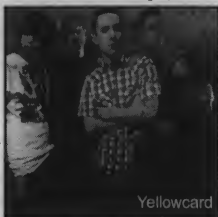
The other bands scheduled to play at "Bandfest 2004" as of yet

are Carbonleaf, Adelyn, The Format, Sleeping At Last and Wakovia Bank Robbers (the winners of the Battle of the Bands competition that took place in the fall).

Even if you have never heard anything about these bands or any of the other bands that will be performing Spring Weekend, come check it out anyway.

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Longwood Student Chosen for Opera Program in Italy

Kent Booty
Office of Public Relations

Lisa Jackson is a Longwood University senior from Woodbridge.

She is one of fourteen students from across the country that were chosen to take part in an opera program in Italy this summer.

Ms. Jackson, a music education major, will participate in the five-week Solisti (Italian for "soloist") program in Lucca, Italy.

The program is administered by the University of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music.

The program is for pre-professional singers who want to develop their interpretative skills in Italian operatic and song literature.

Each singer will receive voice lessons, coachings and master classes, as well as Italian language instruction.

The program, which will run from June 21 to July 23, is directed by Lorenzo Malfatti, an inter-

nationally recognized voice and opera coach who is professor emeritus at the University of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music.

Lucca, the hometown of the famous operatic composer Giacomo Puccini, is in northern Tuscany, some 15 miles from Pisa and 50 miles from Florence.

All Solisti singers will perform as a soloist in several concerts.

Most of these performances will take place in a variety of historic sites in Lucca, at Puccini's country home in Celle and on the Gala final concert with orchestra, "Uomini son da Marte, Donne de Venere."

The program has been expanded this year to allow selected singers to also participate in the opera productions and perform in vocal chamber music concerts.

"The purpose is to get operatic experience," said Ms. Jackson. Ms. Jackson will, along with

another student, stay with an Italian family.

"Also, the University of Cincinnati (UC) has a phenomenal graduate program, and that's what I hope to do: earn a master's of music in voice performance, possibly at UC."



Ms. Jackson, a soprano who aspires to an opera career, visited UC over Valentine's Day week-

end to audition for the program.

"Others auditioned in New York City and Chicago, as well, and some sent in audition tapes," she said.

Last summer she participated in a similar program in Rome, Italy.

That program was a four-week Operafestival di Roma, in which two operas were performed.

"That program is run by Louisa Panou, a music professor from the University of Virginia, and involved 40 to 50 singers," she said.

"I performed a small role in one of the operas, 'Suor Angelica,' which is Sister Angelica, and was in the chorus of the other opera, 'The Elixir of Love.'"

In Lucca this summer, Ms. Jackson will live with a freshman from the Cleveland Institute of Music whom she met in the program in Rome last year.

Ms. Jackson is a member of Sigma Alpha Iota, a professional music fraternity for women, and the Music Educators National Conference (MENC).

She is one of eight students who will present an evening of opera duets April 23 at Longwood.

The program is being coordinated by Christopher Swanson, a tenor on the voice faculty, and the students will be accompanied on the piano by Celia Malfatti.

"I was introduced to opera when I got to Longwood by Thomas Williams (associate professor of music), my voice teacher," she said. "I sang throughout middle school and high school. I've done choir all my life."

She is a graduate of C.D. Hylton High School, and her parents are Steve and Maryann Jackson.

She will student-teach this fall ("hopefully, in Prince William County") and will graduate in December.

New Plagiarism Software Detects Stolen Work

Brette Lawrence
Staff Writer

Since the creation of the world wide web, an infinite number of resources are available right at our fingertips.

At the click of a button people all over the world can get information on practically any subject that a person can imagine.

However, there are also people who abuse the resources that are out there and use the internet for such things as plagiarism or purchasing term papers.

According to a recent article in The Richmond Times Dispatch, problems with copying have been growing rapidly.

Plagiarists have been infiltrat-

ing the business world as well as the classroom.

Many private industries have had problems with people copying reports and articles.

When this occurs, the business is liable for the incident, and can be forced to pay large fines in lawsuits if they are sued for plagiarism.

This problem is also hitting close to home here at Longwood University.

Concerned faculty members approached The College of Business and asked them to purchase a program that actually scans papers that students turn in.

The program then checks to see how much of each paper is

the students' own work, and how much is copied.

This program, called Turnitin.com, can check the students' paper against all websites that are publicly accessible from the Internet.

The system also scans the paper against papers that have been turned in by other students across the country, who also have professors that use this program.

This is in an effort to stop students from purchasing essays from "paper mills."

The professors that have used this program here are finding it to be beneficial.

Dr. Roy Creasy in the Business department has used the program and is pleased with its performance.

He cites the major advantage of this program to be "the internet checking."

It checks every site that it can gain access to, as well as comparing the papers being scanned to other student written papers."

After using this program for

papers that students turned in, he was able to find a lot of things that had been copied from both other students or from publicly accessible sources.

Creasy feels one of the main problems with students plagiarizing papers today is that it is "so easy to create papers by going online and taking information without citing it."

Plagiarism has been an increasing problem with students on Longwood's campus.

According to Longwood University's website, last year alone there were 10 Honor Board cases dealing with plagiarism.

This was more than 10% of the 95 total Honor Board cases that occurred in that academic year.

In the 2001-2002 school year there were only a total of 79 Honor Board cases.

This means there was a 20 percent jump in the total number of cases over the course of one year.

Of those cases, there are also other programs that can match

papers to websites and other papers,

They don't, however, have the many techniques and categories that Turnitin.com.

Some websites have additional resources to help the program locate matches.

These other programs allow you to set specific qualifications as to what you are searching for.

More and more universities and private businesses alike are moving to using these sorts of systems to protect themselves in the case that copying does occur.

Plagiarism is a serious offense, and businesses and colleges are both realizing the ramifications of using another's work as one's own.

The usage of copy detecting programs are growing rapidly.

With the rise of this, and similar programs, copying is becoming more difficult.

Fortunately, this also means the number of copycats recorded has slowly but surely been dwindling.

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Women's Lacrosse Suffers First Loss to Division I Team

Sports Information

Longwood University split two matches against NCAA Division I opponents last week, rolling past St. Mary's, 18-4, April 6, after seeing their ten game win-streak snapped in a 12-8 loss to George Washington, April 3. The Lancers are now 11-1 on the season and 5-1 against Division I competition. The squad will return to action Wednesday, April 14, as they travel to the nation's capital to take on Howard at 4.

Against St. Mary's, Colette Spencer put the Gaels on the board first, netting one of her team-best three goals 1:23 into the match, immediately followed by a free-position goal from teammate Ally High, giving the visiting squad an early 2-0 advantage. However, Longwood quickly trimmed the deficit as senior Kristy Taylor/Lorton (Bishop Ireton) scored, unassisted at the 22:43 mark. Cohen then tied the match - 2-2 - at 19:48 and Taylor

gave the Lancers their first lead at 18:30 (3-2), scoring off a pass from freshman Jenn Shipp/Charlottesville (Albemarle).

St. Mary's responded with their third and final goal of the half, as C. Spencer scored on another Gael free-position attempt with 12:23 remaining in the session. Longwood then scored four unanswered goals, including what proved to be the game-winning goal from sophomore Ali Shafer/Fairfax (Fairfax) with 6:34 left (5-3) in the session to enter the break with a four-goal - 7-3 - cushion.

The Lancers exploded in the second session, netting ten unanswered goals, including two goals from junior Leanne Kibler/Oakton (Oakton), while Cohen completed her hat-trick netting two goals of her own. Backed by a tenacious defense, Longwood was able to hold the Gaels scoreless for more than 28

minutes of the second period, until C. Spencer got her third goal of the game with 1:15 remaining in the match. Barry closed out the contest, scoring for the second time with the Lancers' 18th goal off a pass from junior Emily Bikowski/Fairfax (Bishop O'Connell) with 16 seconds left.

The freshmen duo of Shipp and Barry paced the Lancer offense, contributing four points on two goals and two assists each, while Cohen finished with a team-best three goals, recording her third hat-trick of the season. Goalie senior Stacey Schmidt/Berlin, N.J. (Eastern Regional) registered 51:30 minutes played and made 10 stops in front of the net -- tying her season-best -- while sophomore Emily Wilson/Owings, Md. (Northern) played just over eight minutes and posted three saves.

Against George Washington, the visiting Colonials opened the

scoring, as Susan Seborg found the back of the net at the 25:28 mark. The Lancers responded just over two minutes later, as Shafer scored unassisted, tying the game at 1-1, for the only time the game would be even.

GW continued to dominate the half, scoring three more unanswered goals, as Jamie Lee (20:47), Lauren Bower (17:44), and Laura Hostetler (17:29) scored in succession giving the Colonials a 4-1 lead. Senior Carlee Ullery/Keswick (Albemarle) cut Longwood's drought and netted her first of a team-best two goals in the match off a pass from Shipp, trimming the deficit to two goals (4-2). The two teams then traded goals for the remainder of the first session, as the Colonials entered the recess with an 8-5 advantage.

George Washington opened the second half much as it did the first, scoring with 27:19 remaining, as Heidi Mayer netted her

second goal of the game off a pass from Jenny Heisler. Senior Tia Richardson/Ellicott City, Md. (Centennial) quickly retaliated, netting her lone goal of the contest two minutes later. Hostetler then completed her hat-trick, scoring back-to-back goals at the 18:11 and 16:04 marks, giving the visiting squad its largest advantage of the match (11-6). Ullery cut the margin to four, netting her second goal with 12:20 left in the half off a pass from Taylor, but the Colonials' defense proved to be too much, as the Lancers went scoreless for the next 12 minutes until Shipp scored with nine-seconds remaining.

Ullery and Shipp paced the Longwood offense, scoring two goals and an assist apiece. Taylor followed with a goal and an assist, while Richardson, Shafer, and Dress each had one goal. Schmidt and Wilson split the game, combining for nine games, getting six and three, respectively.

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Softball Wins Second Tournament Title

Sports Information

Longwood University claimed its second softball tournament title this season, after going unbeaten (6-0) at the West Virginia Wesleyan Tournament in nearby Salem, April 9-10. The Lancers defeated the four teams in their pool, including West Liberty (1-0), Mount Olive (11-2), Alderson-Broaddus (12-2), and the University of Charleston (12-1) before earning the top-seed in single-elimination play and shutting out #3 West Liberty (5-0) along with #4 West Virginia State (12-0) in the championship. Longwood has now won 16 of its last 17 games played, including eight-straight and is now 35-11 on the season. The Lancers are scheduled to return to action Wednesday, April 14, as they travel east to take on NCAA Division I Norfolk State. The doubleheader is set to start at 3.

Longwood outscored its opponents by a combined 53-5 during the tournament - 8.0 runs a game. For their efforts, four Lancers were named to the All-Tournament Team,

including sophomore Shamana Washington/Rhoadesville (Orange Co.), junior Jen Steele/Manassas Park (Manassas Park), along with freshman Abbey Welch/LaPlata, Md. (McDonough) and Courtney "Pepper" Wilson/Mechanicsville (Lee-Davis). Washington hit .450 (9-20) during the event, including seven runs, two doubles, three home runs, and 14 RBI. Steele hit .632 (12-19) over the weekend, including seven runs, three doubles, a triple, two homers, and 12 RBI, while posting a 0.88 ERA in 16.0 IP with 11 strikeouts and just two earned runs. Welch posted a 0.37 ERA during her four appearances on the mound, including 28 strikeouts, nine hits, and just one earned run, while batting .471 (8-17) with six runs, two doubles, and three RBI. Wilson hit .500 (6-12) with five runs scored, six singles, and one RBI.

Against West Liberty, senior Heather Williams/Brookneal (Appomattox) got

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Baseball Now 30-11 After 4 Recent Wins

Sports Information

Longwood University won four of seven games played last week, sweeping doubleheaders from Southern Virginia April 6 (7-0, 13-3) and Virginia State April 7 (16-5, 10-0) before getting swept in a three-game series at Barton (N.C.) April 9-10 (6-8, 6-11, 4-7). The Lancers overall record is now 30-11, marking the 11th 30-win campaign in the 26-year history of the tradition-rich program. Longwood is scheduled to host Virginia Intermont Tuesday, April 13, for a 1 p.m. doubleheader at Lancer Stadium in Farmville.

Against SVU in the opener, Longwood received three hits and four RBI from freshman Charlie Yarbrough/Richmond (Mills Godwin) (3-4, 4 RBI), and senior right-hander Evan Weinstein/Toronto, Ontario (W.L. MacKenzie) (4-1) enjoyed his best mound performance of the season with a two-hit shutout. Yarbrough had a three-run double in the 1st inning, and added a two-out solo home run in the 5th inning - a ball that traveled approximately 400-feet to left field. Weinstein went the distance with the complete-game effort over 7.0 innings with four strikeouts. He was making his first appearance in 12 days after being hit by a ground ball in the forehead at Virginia State March 25 and needing over 20 stitches for the injury. In the nightcap against the Knights, Longwood scored eight runs in the 5th inning to break a 2-2 tie and cruised to the convincing win. Yarbrough (3-4, RBI) and freshman Tyler Ames/Exmore (Northampton) (3-4, 2 RBI) led the 16-hit attack with three hits each. Yarbrough had two doubles as the first-year standout established a new Longwood season-record for doubles with 20. Collecting two^o hits each were senior Brian Medley/Halifax (Halifax Co.) (2-3), junior Chris Balus/Newport News (Denbigh) (2-4, RBI), and freshman Tyler Childress/Montclair (Forest Park) (2-5, 2 RBI). Childress also had two doubles in the game. Freshman Matt Fitzgerald/Fairfax Station (Hayfield) (1-0) earned the pitching win, scattering six hits and two earned runs with four strikeouts over the first 4.2 innings, making his collegiate debut on

the mound.

Against VSU in the opener, Longwood led just 6-5 before scoring eight runs in the 4th inning to break open a close game en route to the home triumph that ended via the 5-inning, 10-run rule. Medley (2-4, 2 RBI) became the program's all-time hits leader with a two-run inside-the-park home run in the 1st inning. Freshman Zach Zigrang/Virginia Beach (Kempsville) (3-4, 6 RBI) had three hits, including a two-run triple in the 4th inning, and a career-best six RBI to lead the 14-hit attack. Junior Brett Mooney/Virginia Beach (Salem) (3-3) and Balus (3-4, RBI) each collected three hits as well for the Lancers. Junior Robert Gillis/Dartmouth, Nova Scotia (Auburn Drive) (2-3, 4 RBI) added a pair of hits and four RBI to the effort. Freshman Alan Moore/Richmond (Monacan) (7-3) earned the pitching win with his team-best fifth complete-game effort, scattering eight hits and two earned runs with seven strikeouts over 5.0 innings. In the nightcap against the Trojans, Longwood scored four runs in both the 2nd and 5th innings, adding two runs in the 4th inning for shutout and another 5-inning, 10-run rule ending. Medley (2-4, 4 RBI) led the way with two hits and four RBI, including a double in the 4th inning. Mooney (2-3, RBI) and Fitzgerald (2-2, RBI) each added two hits as well to the 10-hit attack. Sophomore Mike Brown/Courtland (Southampton) (3-2) earned the pitching win with his second complete-game effort, allowing just three hits with a career-high 10 strikeouts over 5.0 innings.

At BC in the series opener, Longwood fell behind 5-0 through three innings before getting on the board with two runs in the 4th inning. The Lancers closed to within 7-6

with two runs in the 8th inning before the host Bulldogs added an insurance run in the bottom of the 8th. Sophomore Danny McCraw/Pamplin (Randolph-Henry) (3-5, RBI) and Yarbrough (3-5, RBI) each collected three hits to lead the 15-hit attack, including a pair of doubles by McCraw. Senior Louis Shackelford/Newport News (Denbigh) (2-5) and Mooney (2-4) each added two hits for the Lancers. Freshman Brian McCullough/Virginia Beach (Princess Anne) (3-1) took the pitching loss with the first 5.0-plus innings, scattering eight hits and seven earned runs with five strikeouts.

At BC in the first game of a twinbill, Longwood fell behind 5-0 in the 1st inning and never recovered as the hosts added five more runs in the 6th inning. Yarbrough (3-4, 2 RBI) led the Lancers with three hits, including his 7th home run in the 5th inning. Medley (2-3, 2 RBI) also hit a home run in the 5th inning as the Lancers went yard back-to-back. Balus (2-3) also contributed two hits to the effort. Moore took the pitching loss in relief, allowing five hits and five earned runs with one strikeout over the final 1.2 innings. In the nightcap against the Bulldogs, Childress (3-4) led the 10-hit attack with three hits. Medley (2-4, 2 RBI) hit another home run for the Lancers, his team-best and career-high 15th home run this season, a two-run shot in the 3rd inning. In addition to becoming the program's all-time hits leader (247) this week, Medley has also established a new season-record for hits (78). Ames (2-5) also had two hits. Junior Darin Knicey/Elkton (Spotswood) (2-1) took the mound loss in relief, allowing one hit and one unearned run with one strikeout in 1.0 inning. The two losses were the first twinbill swept from the Lancers since NCAA Division I James Madison University swept two games in Harrisonburg to open the season Feb. 14.

Golf Update

Sports Information

Longwood University shot a team score of 281 to easily defeat Hampden-Sydney College and its 299 total April 9 at the Longwood Golf Club. The two local institutions were playing their annual Challenge

Match at the 6,240-yard, par 70 course in Farmville. The Lancers will compete again April 12-13 at the Greg Palmer Eagle Classic hosted by NCAA Division I Morehead State University in Kentucky.

Against H-SC, junior Trey Deal/Martinsville (Martinsville) led Longwood with his four-under par 66 to take medalist honors

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two of the Lancers four hits in the game, including the game-winning RBI-single in the fourth inning to secure the shutout. Williams finished the game a perfect 2-for-2 at the plate, while Wilson provided one hit in two at-bats. Sophomore Mallory Gordon/Powhatan (Powhatan) rounded out the Lancer offense with a hit of her own. Welch earned the win on the mound, hurling her 14th complete-game this spring (7.0 IP). Welch limited the Hilltoppers to just two hits, while throwing 10 strikeouts.

Against Mount Olive, Longwood scored all the runs it would need in the first inning, jumping out to a 4-0 lead. The Lancers added five insurance runs in the fifth frame, followed by two more in the sixth to secure its second win of the tournament. Steele led the 11-run attack with her 3-4 performance at the plate, including a single, a triple, and a two-run homer - just a double short of the cycle - with four RBI, while Welch went 2-for-4. Steele also earned the win, scattering seven hits in six innings of work.

Against Alderson-Broadus, Longwood took an early 6-0 advantage after three innings of play and never looked back. Gordon paced the offensive effort with her three hits in four appearances at the plate, including a season-high four RBI. Welch aided the attack with her 2-for-4 performance, while earning her second pitching win of the day and improving her record to 17-4 this spring. The freshman scattered just three hits in five innings of work with nine strikeouts.

Against Charleston,

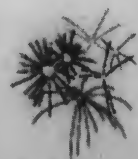
Washington hit her ninth homer this spring with two-on in the first inning to give the Lancers all the runs they would need. Longwood continued to put runs on the board, scoring six in the second and three in the third as it cruised to the decisive win. Washington closed out the contest with a perfect 2-for-2 performance at the plate, including her home run and a double, while tying her career-high five RBI. The sophomore duo of Tori Flint/Charlottesville (Albemarle) and Gordon aided the offensive attack, as Flint went 2-for-3 with an RBI and Gordon went 1-for-2 with two RBI. Steele earned the win on the mound, scattering just four hits with five strikeouts.

Against #3 West Liberty, Longwood jumped out to an early 2-0 advantage after one inning of competition. The Lancers added an insurance run in the third and two more in the fifth, securing their place in the championship game. Washington led Longwood at the plate, going 2-3 with a home run, a double and three RBI, while Welch and Wilson each went 2-3. Steele earned the win on the mound, hurling a complete-game with four strikeouts.

Against #4 West Virginia State in the championship, Washington hit her third home run of the tournament - a two-run shot -- and Steele hit a grand slam, leading the Lancers to the definitive win. Washington closed out the contest a perfect 4-4 at the plate, including five RBI, while Steele was 2-4 with five RBI. Welch (18-4) earned the win, scattering three hits and throwing six strikeouts.

among the 13 collegiate golfers. Deal's career-low round of 66 also tied a school-record. He was followed by sophomore Michael Joyce/Peterborough, Ontario (Peterborough Collegiate) (69), senior Matt Paciocco/Richmond (Mills Godwin) (71), sophomore Kevin Johnson/Forest (Jefferson Forest) (75), and freshman Brett Chambers/Mount Sidney (Fort Defiance) (76). Others playing for the Lancers included freshman Chris Shuford/Fredericksburg (Colonial Forge) (74) and senior Mike Nemcosky/Chesapeake (Great Bridge) (81).

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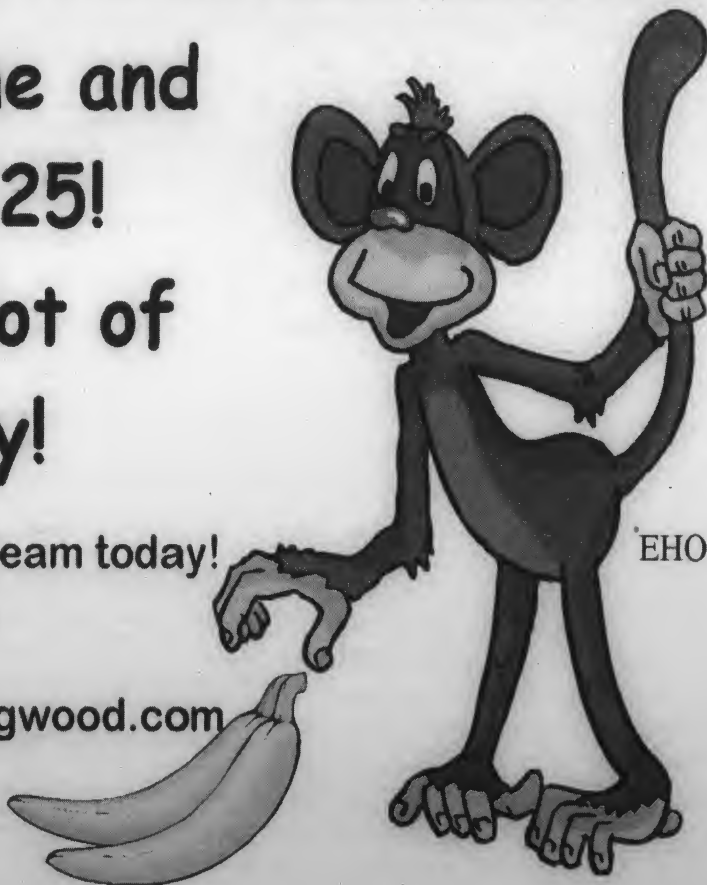
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Brock Commons Dedication This Saturday

Shawn Garrett
News Editor

After nearly five months of delays, Phase I of Brock Commons will be formally dedicated at noon on Saturday April 24th. The massive pedestrian mall, meant to connect Longwood's historic northern core with the rest of campus, will stretch from High street between Lancaster and Grainger halls south all the way to Franklin street.

"In its 165 year history, nothing has transformed the Longwood campus like Brock Commons," said Longwood president Patricia Cormier.

"What were two busy pedestrian streets through the middle of campus has turned into an architectural wonder," Cormier added. "By utilizing the natural topography of the campus, the creative design of Brock Commons has unified the university community."

A wetter-than-usual spring and summer, and the more than 10 inches of rain left behind by hurricane Isabel, forced the postponement of the originally projected November 8th dedication date.

The dedication ceremony will begin with registration starting at 8:15am. Following will be the Orr Auditorium dedication in Hull and then the main ribbon-cutting on Brock Commons at 11:00. From 11:30 to 1:15pm will be a campus-wide picnic (free to students, faculty and staff with ID, 10 dollars for Alumni, friends and family).

Three local bands-Woodburn Road, Junction and BASIC-will also be performing during the celebration.

The Commons consists of a large, raised concrete platform that spans the gap between the two small hills that used to exist between Lankford and the Library. In addition to several large grassy areas, Brock Commons also contains several brick pathways, trees, pre-cast concrete features, a large pavilion



and two fountains, the "CHI" fountain between Lankford and the Dining Hall, and another in front of the new pavilion.

"The purpose of a raised pathway was to create not only a beautiful pedestrian promenade, but also to allow easier access to the buildings along what used to be Pine street," said Brent Douglass, Longwood Director of Planning and Construction. "Brock Commons does just that, and we're glad it's finished."

Along with Brock Commons comes a kind of campus-wide makeover in the form of new building identity signs.

The signs, created by Richmond-based Sign Graphics, inform readers of not only the building name but either the departments or facilities contained therein. Three new campus directories have also been erected at the main entrance, in front of Grainger Hall, and on Brock Commons itself.

In addition, Brock Commons also houses Longwood's new 137-space parking garage.

Although understood by many to have been an afterthought, the garage had been long planned, and the 7.5 million dollar project actually began as two separate projects melded into one.

"The University was in need of a parking garage initially," said Douglass, "but when the Brock's donated the money for a pedestrian mall, it was a huge plus."

Douglass was also intent on dispelling a recent rumor about the underground stream that runs through campus. Reports have been swirling around the Longwood community that claim Brock Commons is too heavy for the land beneath it, and is in fact sinking into the ground due to a

large sink hole created by the stream. "It is absolutely untrue," Douglass commented. The underground stream is not a threat to Brock Commons, Douglass pointed out, and the Commons is capable of supporting both itself and students. "Although it was necessary to

LCVA Brings Outdoor Art to Longwood

Shawn Garrett
News Editor

In addition to a new parking garage, new pavilion, two water fountains and Brock Commons itself, visitors to Longwood will now notice two new items: a pair of sculptures. The two sculptures are part of the newly created Brock Commons Outdoor Sculpture Program.

The program, sponsored by the Longwood Center for the Visual Arts, the Art Department, the Office of Academic Affairs, and the Office of Financial Management, seeks to install large works of art suitable for outdoor exhibition all over campus.

"We're trying to encourage and heighten the level of intellectual discourse among the student body," said Johnson Bowles, Director of the LCVA and assistant professor of the art department.

"We want to bring in current artists to showcase their artwork



on campus, and work with students," said Bowles. "We want to invite sculptors who will bring new ideas about art to Longwood."

The two sculptures have presently been placed at opposite ends of Brock Commons.

The more visible of the two is the massive "Triportal" by East Carolina University professor Carl Billings. The large, stainless steel piece currently sits on a concrete and brick platform at the northern end of Brock Commons in front of Iler Hall.

The second of the two has

relocate the concrete pipe which encases the stream under that part of campus, it is not an issue anymore," he added.

The birth of Brock Commons began with the generous gift of 3 million dollars from alumna Joan Brock '64 and Macon F. Brock Jr. of Virginia Beach. The largest capital donation in the history of the University, the Brock's gift was intended specifically to be the financial foundation of Brock Commons.

The Brocks are major shareholders in, and co-founders of the Dollar Tree retail chain.

Brock Commons is the most major and recent addition to Longwood's campus in a long list of newly constructed buildings and landscaping to be completed over the next three years.

Slated to begin directly after commencement is the final closure of and deconstruction of Pine street between the

See BROCK p. 5



been placed just outside of Wygal Hall. Be Gardiner's black marble sculpture entitled "Misguided Angel" was the first artwork acquired for the project.

"The program is an integral part of the overall beautification and redevelopment of Longwood's campus," said Johnson. Each piece will remain on display for a total of two years before being replaced. Over the next 2 years, the program directors hope to install a total of 10-12 pieces around campus.

The project requires no additional funding from the University.

Words From the Editor



Well. It's almost one in the morning. Our four news pages just crashed. I have yet another paper due tomorrow, books to read, and this newspaper to produce.

I do believe I won't be sleeping tonight.

I didn't come here to complain, though. Everyone has school work. For this kind of article, see Bobbi's below. I love her dearly, and she says it nicely.

What I really want to do is wrap up the year and share with you our grand plans for next semester.

This semester has been one of the biggest learning experiences I've had in a while. I miss Liz, but I'm glad I got to opportunity to

be the editor for a spare semester.

I'm also glad we all got the opportunity to work with Naomi for her solitary year here at Longwood, I shall shed a tear or two when she leaves for Chapel Hill to work on her PhD.

But in her place (in title, but not in our hearts. How is that for sap?) comes Dr. Lucinda Sinclair.

How amazing is she?

Already, in just the couple weeks she's been getting to know the staff and how *The Rotunda* works, she's done more for us than several of our past advisors.

Here's a run down for what we've seen:

For next year, we will have had four advisors, been in two different departments, and undergone several structural

changes, most of which, I'm proud of.

Man, I really can't get away from the prepositions as of late.

For this semester, above all, I'd really like to thank my darling Bobbi for really stepping up and becoming just the most amazing assistant I've ever seen. She's in here right now, by my side, working away, no questions asked. She's been by my side all semester, walking to the printer with me to drop off the paper. She meets me not too many hours later to help distribute the papers around campus.

This summer, the two of us are going to finally put together a style guide for *The Rotunda*. We've also got some changes planned for several of the sections; the school as a whole has come to the consensus that we need a stronger paper. We here on staff concur. One thing we'd like to see gone are the horo-

scopes. We'd also like to open a classifieds section for the students, as well as advertisers in town.

Just in case you're wondering, you, too, are more than welcome to share any ideas with us. We've got four long months to figure out all of it.

But I'll leave you at that. It's been a long year; we all need the rest. So enjoy some of the lyrics to one of my favorite Susan Werner songs, "May I Suggest," which is off of her album, *new non-fiction*. Cheaters way out, I know:

May I suggest
This time is blessed for you
This time is blessed and shining
almost blinding bright
Just turn your head
And you'll begin to see
The thousand reasons that were
just beyond your sight
The reasons why
Why I suggest to you

Why I suggest this is the best part of your life

There is a world
That's been addressed to you
Addressed to you, intended
only for your eyes
A secret world
Like a treasure chest to you
Of private scenes and brilliant
dreams that mesmerize
A lover's trusting smile
A tiny baby's hands
The million stars that fill the
turning sky at night
Oh I suggest
Oh I suggest to you
Oh I suggest this is the best
part of your life

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Words From the Assistant Editor



When I sat down to write tonight, it took me all of 10 seconds to recognize what has been on my mind

lately.

It's that time of year and everyone is on edge. Trust me, I know! I think I must have one of the worse cases of "I'm done with school; I don't want to be around any of you; I'm over it all" syndromes ever.

As my time here progresses, it seems that with each passing semester the end gets worse and worse. Freshman year before Christmas break, I could hardly believe that my first semester at college was over, and I wasn't excited at all.

After that spring semester, I was ready to see my friends from home again, but I was really sad to be leaving my roommates and the girls here. I actually cried when mom came to pick me up and take me back.

Before Christmas break this year, I was majorly stressed and extremely sick. It seemed like I would never get to the end of the day, much less the end of the

semester. Maybe it was because I was so sick, or maybe it was because I was so busy, or possibly a combination of both, but the frustration level just wasn't what it is this time around.

I'm not quite sure what it is, but my patience is gone. I don't have any. None. You can ask anyone who sees me on a regular basis, and they will tell you that I'm just not myself. What makes it even worse is that I feel bad for being rude, but I just can't help it. The littlest things that I would never think twice about set me off to the point where I just want to throw something and quit school then and there. My problems don't end there either.

My mind has been rapidly shutting off since coming back from spring break. It may be that I had so much fun in Panama City that I never wanted to come back. I really thought about it for a couple of minutes on the day I was supposed to leave. Lately, there are days when I feel like this really is the end.

So earlier today I was discussing my problems with friends, and I was relieved to find that I wasn't the only one suffering through this horrible plague. It's apparent that all of us feel like

we're standing on the edge and a wrong look will send us over.

After my discussion, my advice to you is this: try to switch up your normal routine. Go to lunch at a different time, maybe with different people. Instead of studying or doing homework in your room or in the study lounges, take advantage of the nice weather! Grab a blanket and let the atmosphere of spring replace the stuffy and cramped lifestyle that you've been living for the past eight months or so.

No matter how much you have to do, set aside a chunk of time large enough each day to do something you really enjoy. Go to the park, make a quick trip to Richmond, or maybe just go visit a friend you don't see around often and watch a favorite movie! And above all, understand that everyone feels like you do, and it's just that time of year!

To all my friends who have been dealing with my other personality that I knew nothing about, thanks. I love you all so much!!

Bobbi Thibo

Bobbi Thibo
Assistant Editor

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Condom Overload Not a Problem

The following letter is in response to the April 15th article "Longwood's Condom Overload" by Staff Writer Raven Stanley.

I'm writing this because I feel the author is extremely misinformed and uneducated regarding this subject. I am also a female student, and I don't understand how you arrived at the "idea" that all college students are depicted as sexually active, uninformed on sex, and unwilling to purchase contraceptives here on campus.

I have lived on this campus for three years and have gone to many of the events and never once have I witnessed an organization just "handing out" condoms. I think it is a bit extreme and misleading to say they are given out at every event. I, nor my friends, have ever had condoms forced upon us, "at every turn," as you put it.

Also, in my three years of living on this campus, I have been to the Student Health Center several times. I

don't know where you get your information, but a nurse holding condoms and a pamphlet telling me to, "be safe," has never approached me, nor have I ever been given them with prescriptions or treatment.

The health center, as well as RAs and other school officials, supply condoms to students in hopes that if they are going to have sex, it will be done safely.

They are only attempting to make it so that students who may not have money or a way to the store have contraceptives that are easily available to them.

If you took the time to read the signs, pamphlets, and folders on RAs' doors and around campus, you would find pieces of information simply for the education of sexually and non-sexually active students, not just a packet of condoms.

Your last issue with this whole idea about birth control shows how misguided you are about sex and contraceptives. If a nurse or doctor inquires about birth control, it is again for your protection.

Just because a nurse asked you your use of contraceptives, should

you in no way take this to make you believe condoms are passed out at the health center. Nurses and doctors ask you, as well as other females, if they are currently taking birth control because many females forget to list it under other medications. Birth control isn't considered a typical medication by some people, and is often just looked at as another form of contraception.

I know sometimes I forget about it because it's so typical to my every day routine, and it just slips my mind. And yes, if you need to be treated for a non-sexual virus by prescription, the doctor does need to know if you are currently taking birth control.

Just like any other medication, birth control can also react with a prescription medicine; for example, some medications make birth control less effective.

The nurses in the health center ask questions with the intention of trying to ensure safety and alert males and females of the dangers of sex. It's called growing up, and safe sex is nothing to be embarrassed about.

-Anonymous

Sexual Pleasure: Nothing But an Instinct

The following article is in response to the April 15th article "Sexual Intercourse" by Opinion Editor Tanner Keith

The author made several references that he deemed as factual but were his own opinions. He stated incorrectly that if a child grew up with no human contact they would have no sexual drive. This is incorrect.

In a sociology class I took here, as well as a psychology class I took in high school, I watched a documentary video on a child removed from a home where she had been forced to live in a closet (I believe it was) where she received no human contact

except for feeding. The basic skills she possessed when she was removed were only how to eat and how to masturbate - she couldn't even talk.

It has been awhile since I have seen the film though, and I don't remember all of the details. Even though she had no competition for the food, she would hoard it like a hungry animal. Both of these actions, defending food and masturbation, show basic instinctual skills. In the article there was a reference to Charles Darwin. Well everyone who has taken basic sociology, psychology, or anthropology has heard of "survival of the fittest," coined by Darwin.

This means basically that the most fit survive by any means possible. Two basic survival skills are

eating and reproduction. These are not learned behaviors but instinctual. Every animal or human has the need to eat and reproduce (passing on their genes) that is why males in all species compete for females. That is why children with no concept of masturbation touch themselves. Even in the womb children touch themselves; it gives them sexual stimulation without knowing why.

In the movie Blue Lagoon the children figured out how sex gives them pleasure; they knew it was good but not what it would do. This is why they knew to have sex but not that she would become pregnant. Sex is instinctual, it is sex education that is environmental (learned behavior).

-Anonymous

props and drops

Props:

- + To the weather.
- + To Midnight Breakfast.
- + To air-conditioning, flaunt it if you've got it.
- + To the approaching end of The Brock Clock.
- + To chocolate milk.
- + To the end of the semester.

Drops:

- To The Grand Dinning Room being closed again.
- To the large *thing* in front of Iler.
- To having to pack and move all of your stuff out of your room.
- To sunburn.
- To more papers to write than our computers have space to store.

Speak Out

What do you think of the sculpture in front of Iler?



If you locked me in a room for 12 hours with an arc welder, I could make it, and I have no takers.

-Brad Tuggle, Sophomore



It's kind of an eyesore.

-Ebony Corprew, Junior



It gives a nice accent to one end of Brock Commons.

-Owen Davis, Senior



I guess I was asleep when they voted "Large Chunks of Metal" as a form of art.

-Bentley Gettings, Freshman

NAACP Chairman Julian Bond to Speak at Longwood Commencement, Saturday May 8

Kent Booty
Longwood Public Relations

Julian Bond, the chairman of the NAACP, will be the speaker for Longwood University's commencement on Saturday, May 8, at 9:30 a.m. on Wheeler Mall.

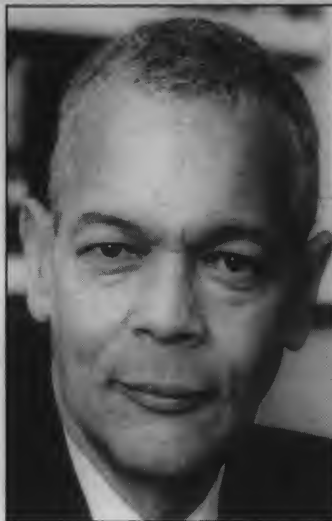
In his address, titled Greater Efforts, Grander Victories, Bond will discuss race and the historic Brown v. Board of Education decision. His appearance will culminate Longwood's year-long commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court ruling that outlawed segregation in public education. One of the five cases that formed the basis of Brown v. Board originated in Prince Edward County and was argued by NAACP attorneys from Richmond.

Bond, a former Georgia state legislator, has chaired the board of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People since 1998. He is currently a Distinguished Scholar in Residence at American University in Washington, D.C., and a professor in the University of Virginia's Department of History, where he is co-director of Explorations in Black Leadership.

Since his college days more than 40 years ago, Bond has been an active participant in the movements for civil rights, economic justice, and peace.

As a student at Morehouse College in 1960, he was arrested for sitting-in at the then-segregated cafeteria at Atlanta City Hall, helped form the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), and shortly thereafter became the organization's communications director. He worked in the SNCC's voter registration drives in rural Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Arkansas.

Bond served four terms in the Georgia House of Representatives and six terms in the Georgia Senate. He was first elected in 1965 to a one-year term in the Georgia House in a special election following court-ordered reapportionment, but members voted not to seat him because of his opposition to the Vietnam War. After being re-



elected to his own vacant seat the next year, the House again barred him. Later that year, after he won a third election, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled unanimously that the Georgia House had violated Bond's rights in refusing to seat him.

Among the successful legislation that he authored was a pioneer sickle cell anemia testing program. He waged a successful two-year fight in the legislature and the courts to create a black majority congressional district in Atlanta and organized the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus, then the nation's largest.

In 1968 he co-chaired a challenge delegation from Georgia to

the Democratic Convention that succeeded in unseating the handpicked regulars. He was nominated for vice president - the first African American to be nominated by a major party - but withdrew because he was too young to serve.

Bond has since 1980 been host and commentator on America's Black Forum, the oldest black-owned show in television syndication. He has narrated several TV documentaries, including the critically acclaimed PBS documentary Eyes on the Prize, about the civil rights movement.

He will be introduced to the Class of 2004 by Viola O. Baskerville of Richmond, who has represented the 71st House District in the Virginia General Assembly since 1998. Delegate Baskerville served on the Longwood Board of Visitors from 1989 to 1997 and is the mother of a Longwood graduate. Her son, Timothy Ryan Baskerville, received a B.A. in English in 2000.

For more information on commencement, visit www.longwood.edu/commencement

Students Bemoan Science Building Construction

Emily Maloney
Staff Writer

A new science building is in the process of being built between Wheeler and Jarman. This project is only one of the many construction plans Longwood has made for the next five to ten years.

After being asked her thoughts on the new science building Sharon Kania, a junior at Longwood said, "I think it's taking entirely too long to build, like everything else on this campus."

According to the Longwood website, this new building's estimated completion date is Summer 2005 and will cost approximately \$17.6 million. It will contain 20 new state-of-the-art classrooms and labs along with 28 faculty offices.

Monica Tibbatts, a resident of Wheeler, the residence hall next to the construction site, says, "I don't like that [the construction] wakes me up in the morning, but it'll be good for the campus and the science department."

Brent Douglass, Director of Facilities Management said the

new science building, hasn't been named after anyone right now, but that may change in the future. The tradition of Longwood has been to name buildings after people.

Many are wondering what is in store for the old science building.

Douglass said there are three options for the future of Stevens / Jeffers / McCorkle, the current science building. The possible options for this building include renovation for student housing, office space for staff members or tearing it down to build something else in its place.

According to Douglass, in reference to the existing science building, "it's old and obsolete and too small." He explains that the program in Natural Science is growing and the department of facilities management is required to support this increase in demand.

To see this new science building in the making there is a 24-hour live web cam available on the Internet. This is open to the public and can be found on the Longwood University website, longwood.edu.



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Linda Ford, chosen Supervisor of the Year, and Liz Flaherty, chosen Student Employee of the Year

Longwood Supervisor and Student Employee of the Year Chosen

Kent Booty
Public Relations Office

Liz Flaherty, a student supervisor in the dining hall, recently was named the Student Employee of the Year in Longwood's student employment program.

Linda Ford, the administrative assistant to the provost/vice president for academic affairs, was chosen Supervisor of the Year.

The awards are given annually by the Work Experience Program in connection with National Student Employment Week.

There are more than 700 student workers and over 70 supervisors in the program, which is coordinated by Nadine Garrett in the Career Center.

The awards, given in a student dinner April 6, include a cash prize for the winners.

Ms. Flaherty, a junior communication studies major from Chesapeake, has worked in the dining hall for ARA-MARK since the first semester of her freshman year.

She supervises five to seven students per shift and works about 15 to 20 hours a week. She also is involved with campus radio station WMLU.

Mrs. Ford, who currently supervises two student workers and at other times has supervised three, has worked in the office of the

provost/vice president for academic affairs for three-and-a-half years.

Previously she worked part-time in the president's office for two years.

A Richmond native and Radford University graduate, she taught high school English in Floyd County for two years and middle school English in Lynchburg for two years before moving to Farmville with her husband, Ed, in 1998.

Her husband, who is the pastor of Worsham Baptist Church, was formerly an adjunct instructor in Longwood's Department of Mathematics and Computer Science.

In the Student Employee of the Year competition, Bianca Conn (English and Modern Languages) and Nicole Principino (Education, Special Education and Social Work) tied for 1st runnerup, and Lindsay Clark (Honor/Judicial Programs) was 2nd runnerup.

For Supervisor of the Year, Lisa Seamster (English and Modern Languages) was 1st runnerup.

The Student Employee of the Year and the Supervisor of the Year are chosen by separate five-person committees, neither of which is associated with the Work Experience Program.

Ruffner Construction Update Photos

Jenn Dize and I got the wonderful opportunity yesterday to get the grand tour of the Ruffner construction. It was an amazing time, and I promise you, everything is just coming along wonderfully. Here is what we saw:



Amy Whipple
Editor-in-Chief

Top Left: A nearly completed hallway. One might note that, in color, it is two shades of pink.

Top Right: An ariel view of the CHI tunnel.

Above: The old door to the bookstore.

Above Right: A remaining podium with fake flowers.

Right: The sign that still glows in the window by Grainger.

Bottom Right: The structure of the Rotunda dome.

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Cunninghams and Hiner / Coyner. When students return in the Fall, that area of campus, along with large sections of Madison street, is set to be completely under new grass and sidewalks, thus regulating cars to the edges of campus and creating a more pedestrian-friendly and bucolic campus center.

Also coming to campus in the near future are the new, 17.6 million dollar Science Building set to open in the fall of 2005 and the new Student Recreation Building, estimated to begin mid to late 2004.

Construction on Longwood's flagship Ruffner Hall is also in full swing and set to be finished near Christmas 2004.

Environmental Groups Favor Kerry Over Bush

U.Wire

LOS ANGELES -- With the media debate over the presidential election in full force, many students are disappointed by the lack of attention given to an issue prevalent to many -- the environment.

The voting records of George W. Bush and John Kerry show their notably different approaches toward pollution, conservation, and other environmental issues. Kerry's voting record has been much more favorable than Bush's to environmental organizations.

As the election nears, members from environmental groups say they are trying to hold the Bush administration accountable for what they consider to be its negative environmental impacts.

Dan Sullivan, the only California representative on the 10-member National Political Committee of the Sierra Club, said the Sierra Club has not officially endorsed a candidate, but that Bush's environmental record

as president is abysmal.

"There is an enormous mass of areas where the Bush administration has made policies that seem to be negative to the environment," Sullivan said. "They seem to favor short-term consumption over long-term consequences."

Similarly, the League of Conservation Voters gave Bush a failing grade on his environmental report card, the first president to receive a failing grade since the league began scoring in 1970. Kerry received a 96 percent for the same report card.

Many Republicans feel the criticism of Bush's environmental policies is unfair.

"Being in his position, he has to form a compromise between the economy and the environment," said Jennifer Otter, the chairman of California Students for Bush. "He has to be pragmatic."

Otter noted how some of Bush's environmental policies, such as "Clear Skies" -- a policy

which set up a market system of emission caps and trades for sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, and mercury -- are good for the economy because the companies do not have to spend large amounts of money now, but can instead wait until better economic times.

Bush analysts have predicted "Clear Skies" will cut air pollution by 70 percent over the next 15 years.

But Democrats often contend this claim and say the initiative would actually allow pollution to increase. Although it significantly decreases the amount of pollution allowed per million dollars of gross domestic product, they say the overall GDP will rise so much that it will counteract the decrease.

Sean Hecht, the executive director of UCLA's Environmental Law Center, also noted that while a market system of caps and trade for pollution can be productive environmentally and economically, it can also be problematic when dealing with a

pollutant such as mercury.

Mercury, he said, tends to concentrate in hot spots near the place it was released. If each location is not regulated individually, some communities would bear a disproportionate amount. The Bush administration has also come under fire for its rejection of the Kyoto Protocol, an international agreement which would have required the United States to reduce emissions to 7 percent below 1990 levels during the period between 2008 and 2012.

Bush has said he does not support the protocol because it would cause great economic harm and because of the Byrd-Hagel Resolution.

In 1997, the Senate passed the Byrd-Hagel Resolution, which declared the United States would not ratify the Kyoto protocol unless it involved meaningful contributions from developing countries such as India and China. The resolution passed with a vote of 95-0, including a

vote of support from Kerry.

No matter who wins the election, many people now agree that the Kyoto Protocol is a lost cause because of Byrd-Hagel and because the protocol would require emissions reductions that might have been feasible in 1997, but are not in 2004.

Kerry has voiced his support for some sort of international treaty. He has also said he did not intend to kill the protocol with his vote of support for Byrd-Hagel, but had instead wanted to work with the protocol and fix some potential problems.

Bush has also been accused of loosening the environmental regulations already in place at the beginning of his administration by changing the interpretation of pre-existing laws.

"The Bush administration has a very sophisticated public relations approach. 'Clear Skies,' 'Healthy Forests,' it all sounds really good," Sullivan said.

Quick Tips for Job-Seekers

Raven Stanley
Staff Writer

As the year draws to a close, and many here at Longwood begin to look for summer or long-term employment, there are several things to keep in mind.

First an application and resume must be legible and easy to understand.

A company or organization normally has many applications for a single position and may not even read an application that is overly difficult to read.

Secondly it is often beneficial to research a company before going for an interview so that if you are asked a question such as why you want to work there, you know the things that the company values in themselves and in their employees, and can use this to stress personality traits that will benefit you in that company.

Thirdly make sure to write every company their own cover letter so that it is job and company specific.

Do not under any circumstance lie in the interview or the application.

If the company picks up on the fact that there are inaccuracies they will not hire you do to a concern of what will happen once they hire you.

If they do not pick up on the inaccuracy until after they hire you, there is a high likelihood that you, as an employee will be fired leaving you to deal with that issue in locating a job later.

If asked questions about why a GPA is not higher or other potentially uncomfortable questions try to be honest by pointing out the positive factors that caused this such as "I took classes that were both challenging and difficult which unfortunately hurt my GPA."

Or "I have a tendency to over commit, but that I have learned to be careful in the past several years."

You may not want to point out that you also spent most Mondays recovering from the

weekend.

If you are an underclassmen in the coming year consider attending events put on by the Career Center.

Seniors next year may want to consider establishing an Employment Portfolio, which may be mailed to potential employers upon request.

For more information about this and other programs offered by the Career Center you can locate them on the internet at <http://www.longwood.edu/career/> or in Lancaster139.

To the underclassmen looking for summer jobs keep in mind that it is possible that a summer job can be recurring or even lead to employment after graduation. It is also important to stay in the best terms possible because it is possible that future employers may contact them for a recommendation.

Best of luck all those looking for a job over the next several weeks and months.

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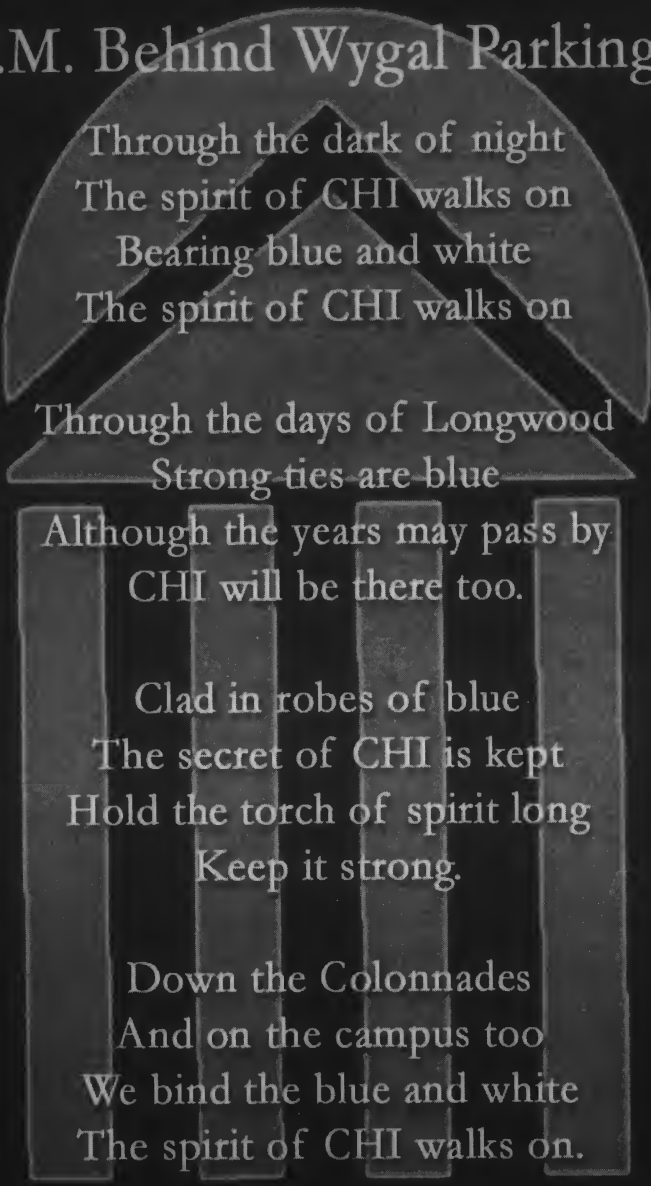
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Dance Concert,
7:30 p.m. in
the Jarman
Auditorium.

Saturday
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Campaign Finale
Celebration 6:30 to 10 p.m.

Brock Commons Dedication
11 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Longwood Company
of Dancers Spring
Dance Concert,
7:30 p.m. in the Jarman
Auditorium.

Sunday
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MIDNIGHT
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EXAMS
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HOROSCOPES

by Sam Wise-Ridges

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan 19)

Feeling under the weather lately? Get some medicine and get on with your studying.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

An old flame is back in the picture, and maybe for a good reason.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

Pay someone a visit that you haven't seen in a long time and it will make their day.

Aries (Mar. 21-April 19)

Your exams will go well, lucky you.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Don't give into temptation so easily.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Just remind yourself...
only one more week.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Time management is very important this week!

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

You know what they say about all work and no play.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22)

Summertime will bring good luck in love for you.

Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22)

There is a great summer job in your future.

Scorpio (Oct. 23.-Nov. 21)

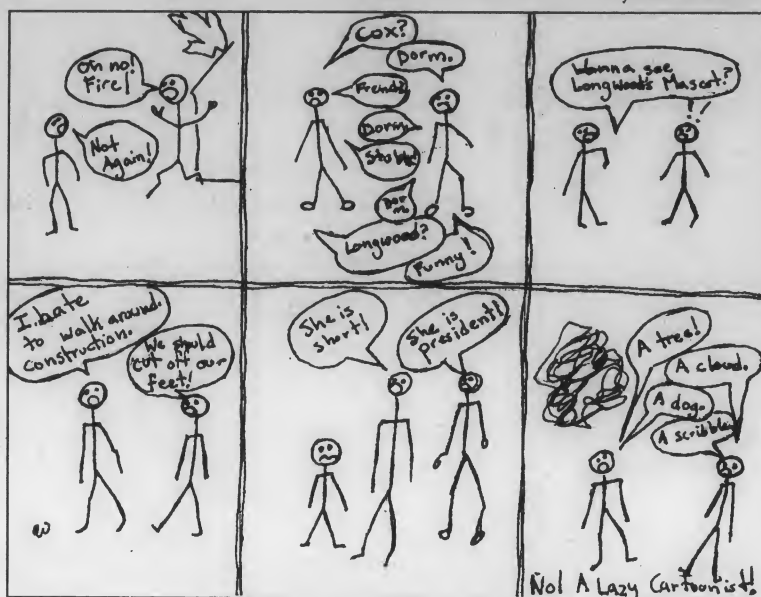
In some sort of a bind? You'll get out of it soon.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Stressed out? The end of the semester is in sight.

Tongue In Cheek

by Ellie Woodruff



"Rejected Rotunda Cartoons"

Foot in Mouth

by Ellie Woodruff



"Reclaiming the Grand Dining Room"

Kill Bill Shines in Conclusion; Punisher Falls Flat

U-Wire

After months with audiences holding their collective bated breath, Tarantino has delivered the second half of his grindhouse epic and has finally delivered the movie that *Vol. 1* promised. *Kill Bill: Vol. 2* has the centered emotional grounding and heartfelt maturity lacked in the first installment and throws the entire enterprise in a whole new light. Tarantino is no longer an arrested adolescent indulging in his tastes for '70s exploitation schlock -- he tempers his baser instincts with a grown-up wisdom that makes for a film as moving as it is ingenious.

Once again Tarantino cycles through beloved B-genres of old. This go-around has been heavily influenced by the spaghetti westerns of Sergio Leone, what with its gurgling Ennio Morricone-esque score (it's courtesy of rapper the RZA and Tarantino's brother-in-arms Robert Rodriguez) and desert vistas, but

there are elements of Italian giallos and old-school martial arts melodramas complete with a white-bearded, hard-assed Chinese mentor. It's the same kind of mix tape assemblage that formed the structure of the first film, but this time the pacing is slower and more languorous, with more attention paid to dialogue (it's pretty crackling too, as befits a man as known for his screenplays as Tarantino) and characterizations. The time is longer too -- well over two hours this time -- and the action scenes are fewer, which gives the movie breathing room to stretch and flex its cinematic muscle. No longer is the screen crowded out by Tarantino's endless homages and gore-soaked ultraviolence; now we get the chance to understand the motives of Tarantino's band of misfits.

Tarantino has a reputation for resuscitating the careers of has-beens and never-weres. Here, in this case, he does that to a gaggle

of them. Thurman has never been better than when she's worked with Tarantino, giving the Bride (her real name, it turns out, is ... ah, you didn't really think I was going to spoil it did you?) a fierce glint in her eye and a heart-wrenching humanity that

Hannah and Thurman engage in a close-quarters fight that may be amongst the best-choreographed brawls documented on film, while Tarantino -- with the judicious use of tense sound effects -- builds one of the scariest buried alive sequences in film history (does anyone else have the sense that Tarantino may have added to cinema's legacy by freely borrowing from it?) When the Bride finally takes on Bill the action results in ... talk. Lots of it. *Kill Bill: Vol. 2* plunges into the realm of the domestic drama and it is as piquant and touching as the rest is savvy and cventful. When the climax rolls around, you don't feel catharsis or relief, but heartbreak. That's Tarantino's

greatest achievement as an auteur, and an indication that he's becoming a real filmmaker as well.

There's revenge in *The Punisher* but it's not nearly as artfully staged as in *Kill Bill*. The movie is based on a Marvel comic book, but it's really just a thuggish and junky vigilante cartoon, the kind of overheated testosterone fest that would have felt right at home amongst the early action-hero escapades of Stallone and Segal. Where *Kill Bill* was fleet and light-footed, *The Punisher* manages to be glum and leaden, more brutal and preposterous than imaginative or cool. This movie does more than lives up to its title.

Frank Castle, the character that would become known as the Punisher, is unique amongst Marvel characters in that he's not a superhero -- he's just an angry guy with lots of guns and a high tolerance for pain. Castle himself is beaten, shot (point blank in the chest too) and blown off a pier -- yet he manages to survive, with

only the tiniest of scars on his body.

It's that type of overkill that crushes the movie. *The Punisher* is ripe with ludicrousness, and as the movie goes along, it grows more numbing with each scene of assaultive violence. *Kill Bill* works with the finesse of a swordsman, but *The Punisher*, for all its unearned gravity, operates with a grim and bludgeoning ferocity.

The movie pays token lip service to the line Castle's crossing (his actions are as bad, if not worse, than the villain's) but it always goes back to making a fetish of its bloodshed. That is, when it bothers to be violent; *The Punisher* spends way too much time with Castle planting the seeds of doubt within Saint's organization, when he could have just as easily taken out Saint in one fell swoop. But that's the level of thought that's been put into *The Punisher*, which lumbers through the vigilante genre in the way that *Kill Bill* flies right through it.



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English Faculty Developing Creative Writing Concentration

Janet Jones
Staff Writer

Lately Longwood University has been undergoing many changes and prominent advances have been made to help the students.

Upon the arrival of Mary Carol Hackett, a new professor in the English Department, the beginnings of a creative writing program are now underway.

Hackett has been pushing for this program for several months now.

She says she understands the importance of having this program and ensuring it assist the English majors at Longwood University.

Hackett is currently receiving support and aid from English professors Craig Challenger,

Hood Frazier, and Susan Stinson.

The Rotunda spoke with Hackett about the content of this new program.

She is very excited and hopeful that many students are anticipating the start of this program, and also that they will decide on it for a concentration.

She admits that it is a very rigorous program, but adds that a challenging curriculum is necessary to become a good writer.

The Creative Writing Program will be a part of the English major.

It will combine traditional and contemporary literature with creative writing workshops.

If your future plans include becoming a successful contemporary writer you may want to

consider joining this new program.

It would be beneficial, in fact necessary, for you to understand and think critically about what you are reading and planning on writing.

Hackett recalls her personal experience of leaving school and having to learn many practical elements of the writing world on her own.

She wants her students to be more prepared than she was, so she is ensuring that this is incorporated into the program at Longwood.

The curriculum will prepare young writers to go on to graduate school or into the world as a writer.

The new program here is comparable to that of Hollins

University, which is one of the most respected programs in the country.

The Rotunda spoke with a student here at Longwood who is considering picking up the new concentration.

Walter Gray, who is currently an English major, feels this will be a fantastic program for potential writers.

He believes that, "It allows them to write their heart. This provides an outlet from academic writing, which many people need. I think the English Department is an outstanding institution and feel lucky to be part of what is to come. The students as well as the faculty are highly intelligent and helpful for the program and individuals involved."

This new concentration encompasses such a variety of

topics and issues, it would be valuable for anyone to participate.

With the help of this highly challenging and intellectual program, students will undoubtedly leave Longwood with a very strong reading and writing background.

These are two qualifications Graduate School applicants should have.

Your days here at Longwood could be overflowing with fiction, poetry, and dramatic writing.

The English faculty at Longwood are already exceptional. Adding a much needed concentration will only serve to better the already qualified department.

In the words of Irvine Welsh, "Choose your future...choose life"...choose creative writing.

Yellowcard Comes to Longwood

Brette Lawrence
Staff Writer

Yellowcard's Ben Harper insists that he, and the members of his punk rock band are just like any other people their age.

Except that they get to travel all over the world to perform their music for screaming fans everywhere.

The band has come a long way since their beginnings in Jacksonville Florida, and several changes have taken place along the way.

The band formed in 1997, with all of the members knowing each other from high school.

Another change that took place was the bands move from Florida to southern California.

Key told the band that if they wanted to have any chance of succeeding, this was the place they needed to be, and off they went.

The move to California proved to be a good one.

They were eventually picked up by Capitol Records and have been very successful with their newest record, *Ocean Avenue*.

It includes ballads of love and

homesickness as well as discovering what you want to do in your life, and then actually doing it, as in the song *Way Away*. Key describes it as "Talking about really owning up to what you want to do in your life."

They are "inspired by everything man, I mean we're inspired by music, and a bunch of different bands.

I mean we are just inspired by life in general," according to

just jamming.

Although one would think that they would get sick of playing on their guitars since they not only do that for a living, but also in their free time, however, they say it is one of their favorite things to do in their free time.

They have been steadily holding onto a spot on TRL and have appeared on shows such as "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," as well as making a guest appearance

on the popular drama "The O.C."

Spring weekend was the first performance for Yellowcard at Longwood University; however, the band loves playing for college crowds.

They have a solid fan base around the

country who will do almost anything to get their attention, "holding up large posters of a young Michel Jackson and waving it around in our faces," according to Harper.

Yellowcard made a big impression on the Longwood community. With their growing popularity and catchy songs they are sure to be around for a while.



Harper.

They write about what they know, and what their listeners will be able to relate to.

They spend a lot of time traveling to their nearly 300 shows a year, which in turn means a lot of time on their bus.

They are all good friends and spend their time playing video games, watching television or

National Day of Silence

Jenn Dize
Features Editor

Each year on April 21st college students around the nation stop talking for a day.

Their silence is symbolic of the silence that gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons are subjected to each day of the year.

The Day of Silence started 1996, and has since has become the largest single student-led action towards creating safer schools for diverse students.

The original Day of Silence at the University of Virginia in 1996 was organized by only a few students and had 150 participants.

Since then, the organizing efforts have expanded to include over 1,900 middle schools, high schools, colleges and universities across the country in 2002.

The National Day of Silence website (<http://www.dayofsilence.org/>) explains that The Day of Silence is a project of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) in collaboration

with the United States Student Association (USSA).

It is a day of action where students who are against making anti-LGBT bias unacceptable in schools take a 24 hour vow of silence to recognize and protest the discrimination and harassment -- in effect, the silencing -- experienced by LGBT students and their allies.

Students around the nation, in high school, college, and even younger, all participate in this act of protest.

Longwood students participated last year and held a candle light vigil at the end of the day.

Students were welcome to share stories in a symbolic breaking of the silence.

This year individual students chose to participate but the program was not carried out campus-wide.

Many people wonder about the effectiveness of being silent.

It seems that making a difference would require more speaking, not less.

To this seeming contradiction

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tion, the national organization responds that the silencing of individuals has gone on too long.

"The Day of Silence moves the power of these personal experiences to a community-focused effort. The Day of Silence is a way of turning silence on its head, of reclaiming silence as a tool."

Gay and lesbian students are using silence as a way to call attention to the harassment they endure daily.

In 2002 the FBI received 8,825 reports of hate crimes, 16.4 percent of which were perpetrated against perceived homosexuals.

This is the third largest percentage of hate crimes, coming in behind race and only slightly behind religion.

In 1995, sexual orientation motivated 13 percent of all hate crimes. This constitutes an increase of .3 percent over the last nine years.

Often we hear that minorities are making progress but unfortunately the statistics do not support this claim.

This is also evidenced by the fact that statistics show anywhere from 65 to 85 percent of anti-gay

hate crimes go unreported, according to a recent article in the Santa Cruz Sentinel.

In 2002, 13.4 percent of hate crimes motivated by sexual orientation occurred on college campuses.

Most gay and lesbian students here at Longwood have not experienced overt hostility, but do encounter instances of rude comments and occasional comments written on white boards.

Almost half of the crimes took place in the victim's own home.

Gay males were nearly eight times more likely to be victims than lesbians, and eighty times more likely than heterosexuals.

These facts and figures are not just something that happens to other people, Virginia has recently had its own issues regarding sexuality.

In February of this year The Virginia General Assembly vetoed a bill that would have given same-sex partners the same rights as heterosexual couples in the workplace.

Government Relations

Assistant Bill Janis was quoted as saying, "the obvious long-term costs to [Virginia] taxpayers of extending benefits to a segment of society that is at a dramatically increased risk of HIV/AIDS and a host of other sexually-transmitted diseases, cancers and infections."

In fact, heterosexuals are currently the most likely group to contract HIV/AIDS.

Currently, according to the Washington Post, the heterosexual elderly are the fastest rising group to contract the virus.

For all of these reasons and the innumerable other issues that have not been covered in this article, students chose to take action on April 21st and remain silent.

Silence may, in fact, be golden when it comes to making a statement and letting students' voices be heard.

It's rather ironic, isn't it?

All statistics are from the FBI's national hate crime report.



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With graduation and Mother's Day almost here, I would like to thank you once again for letting Charleys be part of your special occasions!!! As many of you may know, my Mom, Alice Timpone, has been a fountain of unconditional love and inspiration in my life.

I'd like to share some of her thoughts on life's lessons she's learned.

Recall for me some of the most important lessons you have learned in life:

Family is Paramount.

Forgiveness is Essential.

Kindness is a Must.

Compassion is important.

Love never ends.

Friends are important, Part of Our Extended Family.

Sharing is Healthy.

Hoarding is Foolish.

Humor gets us through the heaviest part of our live's trials.

Prayer is the lifeline of Faith.

Faith is our Reality.

God's Love for us is Perfect.

God's Mercy is Everlasting.

Fairness is Mandatory.

God's Forgiveness is our inheritance to Eternal Life.



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BASEBALL RECORD: 30-15

Sports Information

Longwood University dropped four games at the University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown April 17-18, falling by scores of 5-4 and 6-4 on the 17th and 4-4 and 8-7 on the 18th. A scheduled doubleheader against Virginia Intermont on April 13 was canceled due to rain. The Lancers have lost seven-straight games and are now 30-15 overall. Longwood will play again this Wednesday, April 21, hosting Hampden-Sydney for a 3 p.m. game at Lancer Stadium in Farmville.

At UPJ in the series opener, Longwood led 4-2 in the 6th inning before the Mountain Cats scored three runs in the 6th inning for the victory. Junior Chris Balus/Newport News (Denbigh) (2-3, 3 RBI) led the Lancer attack with two home runs, including a two-run shot in the 6th inning after a solo blast in the 4th inning. Senior Brian Medley/Halifax (Halifax Co.) (2-3, RBI) added two hits as well, including a double. Freshman Alan Moore/Richmond (Monacan) (7-4) took the pitching loss, allowing five earned runs with three strikeouts over the first 5.2 innings. In the nightcap, Balus (3-3, RBI) led the 12-hit attack with three hits, including a solo home run in the 1st inning to increase his season total to eight homers. Medley (1-4, 3 RBI) added a three-run home run in the 3rd inning for the Lancers, his team-best and career-high 16th homer this season. Junior Robert Gillis/Dartmouth, Nova Scotia (Auburn Drive) (2-3) and freshman Matt Fitzgerald/Fairfax Station (Hayfield) (2-2) also had two hits each. Freshman Zach Zigrang/Virginia Beach (Kempsville) (7-1) took the mound loss in relief, his first loss this season, allowing two unearned runs with two strikeouts over the final 3.2 innings.

At UPJ in the opener of the second twinbill, Longwood trailed 4-0 after five innings before scoring three runs in the 6th inning to come up a

run short. Sophomore Danny McCraw/Pamplin (Randolph-Henry) (1-1, RBI) had a pinch-hit RBI single in the 6th inning for the Lancers. Medley (0-0), who leads the team with 16 home runs this season, drew four walks in the contest. Freshman Brian McCullough/Virginia Beach (Princess Anne) (3-2) went the distance and took the pitching loss, allowing one earned run with three strikeouts over the 6.0 innings. In the nightcap against the Mountain Cats, the Lancers plated six runs in the 3rd inning and led 7-5 into the bottom of the 7th inning before the hosts rallied for three runs and the four-game sweep of Longwood. Freshman Tyler Childress/Montclair (Forest Park) (2-4, 3 RBI) led the effort with two hits and three RBI along with Gillis (1-3, 2 RBI) who had two RBI. Medley (2-2) also collected two hits. Junior Darin Knicely/Elkton (Spotswood) (2-2) took the mound loss in relief, allowing three earned runs with one strikeout over the final 3.2 innings.

Season Statistics through 45 games, Medley continues with his phenomenal senior campaign and leads Longwood with his .516 batting average (83-161, 83 hits 1st all-time). In addition to being the all-time hits (252) leader, he has moved into several other career hitting categories, and currently ranks tied for 1st in runs (186), 2nd in games (173), tied for 2nd in home runs (39), 3rd in at-bats (625), tied for 4th in RBI (167), as well as 6th in doubles (46).

Medley is followed by Ames and his .428 batting average (65-152), adding 11 doubles, a team-best five triples, one home run, and 33 RBI. Others include Zigrang (.389, 3-HR, 24-RBI), Fitzgerald (.385, 5 RBI), freshman Charlie Yarbrough/Richmond (Mills Godwin) (.374, team-best 20-2B, 7-HR, 43-RBI), Balus (.372, 8-HR, 30-RBI, team-best 17-17 SB), junior Brett Mooney/Virginia Beach (Salem) (.357, 5-HR, 31-RBI), freshman Hunter Williams/Richmond (Varina) (.356, 13 RBI), McCraw

(.343, 2-HR, 23-RBI), Gillis (.303, 3-HR, 21-RBI), Childress (.294, 4-HR, 25-RBI), senior Louis Shackelford/Newport News (Denbigh) (.265, 3-HR, 28-RBI), and freshman Nathan Martin/Chesterfield (Manchester) (.256, 7-RBI). Pitchers -- Knicely (.750, 2 RBI) and sophomore Mike Brown/Courtland (Southampton) (.500) have fared well in four at-bats each.

On the mound, among the four regular starters, Moore (7-4, 1 save) sports a 4.26 ERA through a team-best 67.2 innings with 56 strikeouts (7.45). McCullough (3-2) follows with his 5.23 ERA through 41.1 innings with 32 strikeouts (6.97), along with Brown (3-2) who has a 5.56 ERA through 43.2 innings with 34 strikeouts (7.01), and Weinstein (4-1) who has a 6.04 ERA through 44.2 innings with 31 strikeouts (6.25). In the bullpen, Zigrang (7-1) leads the way with his 2.15 ERA through 29.1 innings with 24 strikeouts (7.36). Knicely (2-2, 1 save) follows with his 4.36 ERA through 33.0 innings with 32 strikeouts (8.73). Others include McCraw (0-0, 0.00 ERA, 2.1 IP, 1K-3.86), Martin (1-0, 2.25 ERA, 4.0 IP, 3K-6.75), Fitzgerald (1-0, 3.86 ERA, 4.2 IP, 4K-7.71), Shackelford (1-0, 5.40 ERA, 5.0 IP, 4K-7.20), Gillis (0-1, 7.71 ERA, 2.1 IP), sophomore Mike Williams/Hampton (Kecoughtan) (0-0, 10.03 ERA, 11.2 IP, 8K-6.17), and Balus (1-0, 1 save, 12.54 ERA, 9.1 IP, 10K-9.65). The Lancers continue to hit for a high-average with an outstanding team batting average of .366 with 52 home runs and 356 RBI while scoring 9.20 runs per game. Longwood has posted a team ERA of 5.37 through 316.2 innings with 253 strikeouts (7.19).

Following the action against Hampden-Sydney, Longwood will travel to Ashland April 22 for its 2004 season finale at Randolph-Macon College.

Men's Rugby

Janet Jones
Staff Writer

This year many students at Longwood University witnessed the return of the men's rugby team. Last semester they were suspended, but made a triumphant return this season. They started out their season with a Mardi Gras tournament in Baton Rouge. February marked their first Virginia Rugby Union game held here in with a 12-13 loss to William & Mary. However, they played Hampden Sydney on March 4th and won 39-0. Hampden Sydney forfeited with 25 minutes left because Longwood injured too many of their players for them to continue. This was a disheartening, yet amusing game to watch. Longwood continued to dominate teams in the VRU by only losing one other game, to George Mason's A-side. Some of their other conquests included Christopher Newport University, George Mason's B-side, Dan River men's club and Southern Pine men's club.

Last Saturday there was a Spring weekend tournament held here at Presidents field, across from the golf course. Dan River Men's club and Southern Pine men's club came here on a beautiful sunny Saturday, only to be defeated by Longwood 31-0 and 12-7. Among those that scored on Saturday were Todd Heine, Paul

Weltz and Patrick Gorham, who had an 85-meter run. Steven Davis and John Clegg were both successful in kicking their penalty conversions. Longwood showed their strongest defense yet, and ended the season on a very high note. Sadly this was the last game for the departing seniors Matt Farrell, Todd Heine, Scott Prunty, Carl Shultz and Paul Weltz. I spoke with Scott Prunty, the current president, about his expectations for the future. He said that despite the fact that the team is so young they did very well this season overall. There are about 15 rookies who show a lot of potential and provide hope for the team next season.

One of the rookies, Patrick Gorham who plays fullback, is taking control, and will be the new president next year. He would like to add that they are the best guys on campus and he hopes to bring a lot to the team. Patrick wants to show his open-mindedness and bring his teammates to their pinnacle. If you are interested in further information or playing you should visit their website at <http://lancer.longwood.edu/org/rfc/index.htm>. Or if you would like to play for the women's team, which would be the best decision you will ever make, you should visit our website at <http://rugby-chicks.topcities.com/index.html>. This would behoove you since both teams look very promising for next semester.

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When: April 22, 2004

Where: Randolph-Macon College

Women's Lacrosse Comes Back with Two More Wins

Sports Information

Longwood University swept two women's collegiate lacrosse matches last week, rolling past NCAA Division I Howard 22-10, April 14 in the nation's capital, before defeating Division II foe West Chester 16-10, April 17 at Lancer Field. With the back-to-back wins, the Lancers improve to 13-1 on the season, while posting a 6-1 mark against Division I competition. Longwood is scheduled to play its final match of the 2004 campaign Thursday, April 22, as the Lancers host in-state Division I opponent Virginia Tech: The match is set to begin at 4 p.m. at Lancer Field.

At Howard, Longwood led 11-7 entering the intermission before scoring 11 more goals -- while limiting the host school to just three goals -- in the second period to remain unbeaten (6-0) on the road this season. Junior

Leanne Kibler/Oakton (Oakton) paced the 22-goal attack with her team-best four goals, while the senior trio of Tia Richardson/Ellicott City, Md. (Centennial), Kristy Taylor/Lorton (Bishop Ireton), and Carlee Ullery/Keswick (Albemarle) along with sophomore Ali Shafer/Fairfax (Fairfax) contributed three goals apiece. Ullery also dished out four assists for a team-high seven points on the afternoon, while Taylor and Shafer had three and one assists, respectively.

Other scorers include juniors Isa Cohen/Mineral (Fairfax) (2g, 2a, 4p) and Emily Bikowski/Fairfax (Bishop O'Connell) (1g, 2a, 3p), along with freshman Jenn Shipp/Charlottesville (Albemarle) (2g, 1a, 3p) and junior Sophie Dress/Ellicott City, Md. (Howard) (1g, 1p).

Keepers senior Stacey

Schmidt/Berlin, N.J. (Eastern Regional) and sophomore Emily Wilson/Owings, Md. (Northern) split the game in front of the net, combining for 12 saves against the Bison. Schmidt made five stops, while Wilson had six stops.

Against West Chester, the two teams remained evenly matched through the opening minutes of the first half, until junior defender Leah Graham/Salisbury (Bennett) scored her second career goal at 10:26 and Longwood's first of five answered goals to enter the intermission with the 8-3 advantage -- its largest lead of the half.

The Lancers opened the second session with another goal, just 25 seconds into the half, as Bikowski netted her third goal of the match off a pass from Cohen to extend the margin to 9-3. The visiting Rams answered with a goal of their own at 27:33, cutting the deficit back to five goals,

before Longwood put three more unreciprocated goals in the net courtesy of Ullery, Taylor, and Bikowski, stretching the advantage to eight goals (12-4).

West Chester cut the lead once more, scoring three-straight goals (12-7), including a free position goal from Kathleen Sheehan -- her third of four goals in the match. Taylor and Cohen followed with back-to-back goals for the Lancers at the 15:15 and 13:15 marks, respectively and freshman Kelly Gaines/Fairfax (W.T. Woodson) along with Shafer each scored before the final buzzer to secure the home triumph.

Bikowski paced the Lancers with her five points on a team-best four goals and one assist, while Ullery finished with four points on two goals and two assists. With her four points, Ullery surpassed 200 career points during her four years in a Lancer uniform. Cohen also fin-

ished the game with two goals and two assists for four points and Taylor closed out the match with two goals of her own.

Schmidt recorded 60 minutes between the pipes, while making eight stops in front of the net.

Ullery continues to pace the Lancer offense, registering a team-best 52 points on 28 goals and a team-best 24 assists. Cohen has earned 47 points on 25 goals and 22 assists, while Bikowski and Taylor are close behind with 45 and 44 points, respectively. Bikowski has netted a team-high 32 goals and passed out 13 assists, while Taylor has recorded 25 goals and 19 assists. Other scorers include Leanne Kibler (21g, 12a, 33p), Shipp (18g, 8a, 26p), Shafer (19g, 5a, 24p), Richardson (12g, 2a, 14p), Dress (9g, 5a, 14p), freshmen

Cathleen Strain/Alexandria (Mt. Vernon)

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Longwood Men's Golf: Updates and Averages *Poor finish in Greg Palmer Eagle Classic*

Sports Information

Longwood University shot a team score of 322 to finish ninth among 12 teams April 13 at the rain-shortened Greg Palmer Eagle Classic hosted by NCAA Division I Morehead State University in Kentucky.

Tournament host Morehead State and Murray State tied for first place in the event with their respective rounds of 298 at the 6,902-yard, par 72 Eagle Trace Golf Club as 36 of the scheduled 54 holes were canceled due to heavy rain causing unplayable course conditions.

The Lancers were scheduled to compete at the Norm Bullock Intercollegiate April 18-19 hosted by Wright State University in Ohio.

In Kentucky, junior Trey Deal/Martinsville (Martinsville) led Longwood with his 77 for a 13th-place tie among the 70 collegiate golfers. Deal was followed by freshmen Chris Shuford/Fredericksburg (Colonial Forge) (78, t-22) and Brett

Chambers/Mount Sidney (Fort Defiance) (82, t-44), along with sophomores Michael Joyce/Peterborough, Ontario (Peterborough Collegiate) (85, t-55) and Kevin Johnson/Forest (Jefferson Forest) (87, t-63).

Season averages are as follows: through 20 rounds, Deal has posted a team-low scoring average of 73.65 with a school-record low round of 66. Deal is followed closely by Chambers (74.30, 66), along with Joyce (76.25, 68), Johnson (76.86, 69, 7-rounds), senior Carl Magnusson/Linköping, Sweden (Katedralskolan) (77.80, 75, 10-rounds), Shuford (77.83, 74, 12-rounds), along with seniors Matt Paciocco/Richmond (Mills Godwin) (78.79, 71, 14-rounds) and Mike Nemcosky/Chesapeake (Great Bridge) (80.83, 76, 6-rounds). The Lancers average 300.20 as a team.

Following the Wright State tournament, Longwood is scheduled to complete its season at the Scotty Duncan Invitational April 24-25 hosted by the University of Delaware.

Annual Athletics Banquet Award Winners

Sports Information

Longwood University announced its student-athlete award winners at the institution's annual Athletics Awards Banquet sponsored by Sunchase at Longwood Apartments Wednesday night in Farmville. The NCAA Division II Lancers field 14 intercollegiate sport programs and this year have compiled an overall won-loss record of 141-100-3 (.584%) during the first year of a four-year reclassification transition to Division I certification in September 2007. Beginning next year (2004-05), Longwood must operate under all NCAA Division I rules and regulations, including all scheduling requirements.

The two top award winners for 2003-04 were seniors Brian Medley/Halifax and Heather Williams/Brookneal, named the male and female Athletes of the Year, respectively. Medley is a right fielder on the baseball team (31-15) who has started all 46 games this season and leads the team with his .516 batting average (83-161), 63 runs, 16 home runs, 70 RBI, a .913 slugging %, and a .577 on-base %. He holds the school season-record for hits (83), and his career totals include 174 games, .403 average (.252-.625), 39 home runs, 4 triples, 46 doubles, 167 RBI, 186 runs, 76 walks, and 50 steals. Medley ranks 1st in career hits (252), runs, and total bases (423), 2nd in games and home runs, 3rd in at-bats (.625) and slugging % (.677), 4th in average and RBI, and 6th in doubles. He is a physical education major and the son of James and Diane Medley.

Williams plays third base for the softball team (36-12) and has started all 48 games this season with a .364 average (.48-132), 31 runs, 7 doubles, 1 triple, 8 home runs, 33 RBI, a .614 slugging %, a .435 on-base %, 2-4 on steal attempts, and a .915 fielding %. She tied a school-record for home runs in a game twice this year with two each against Division I opponents Coastal Carolina and Hampton, and her career totals include 158 games, .290 average (82-283), 11 home

runs, 1 triple, 16 doubles, 58 RBI, 50 runs, 29 walks, and 2 steals. Williams ranks 6th in career home runs, and 8th in games. She is a physical education major and the daughter of John Williams Sr. and Deborah Burch.

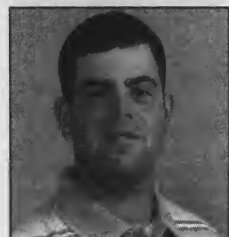
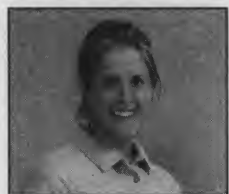
A complete list of the major award winners is below, and following are individual biographies on each major award winner recognized at the banquet.

2004 Sunchase at Longwood/Longwood University Athletics Banquet Award Winners:

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Female Athlete Of The Year: Heather Williams/Brookneal, Virginia * Senior * Softball

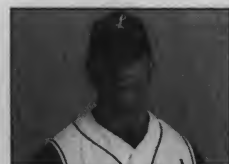
Male Henry I. Willett Scholar-Athlete Of The Year: Evan Weinstein/Toronto, Ontario *



Senior * Baseball

Female Henry I. Willett Scholar-Athlete Of The Year: Mary Millage/Ennismore, Ontario * Senior * Women's Golf

Freshman Male Athlete Of The Year: Brett Chambers/Mount Sidney * Men's Golf



Chambers/Mount Sidney * Men's Golf

Freshman Female Athlete Of The Year: Abbey Welch/LaPlata, Md. * Softball

SAAC Coach Of The Year: Rich Firth * Men's & Women's Cross Country

Male Athlete of the Year: BRIAN MEDLEY

Senior * Baseball * Halifax, Virginia Has started all 45 games this season for baseball team (31-15) and leads team with his .516 batting average (83-161), 63 runs, 16 home runs, 70 RBI, a .913 slugging, and a .577 on-base, adding 16 doubles, 17-18 on steal attempts, and a .975 fielding * holds season-record for hits (83) * Longwood Baseball career totals include 173 games, .403 average (.252-.625), 39 home runs, 4 triples, 46 doubles, 167 RBI, 186 runs, 76 walks, and 50 steals

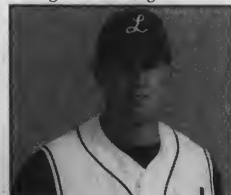


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Male Henry I. Willett Scholar-Athlete of the Year: EVAN WEINSTEIN

Senior * Baseball * Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Business Administration Major * Finance Concentration * 4.000 GPA

Has started 10 games on the mound for baseball team (31-15) * pitcher is co-leader on team in shutouts (1), adding 4-1 record, 6.04 ERA, 1 complete-game, 44.2 innings pitched, and 31 strikeouts * 2003 CoSIDA Academic All-America 3rd-Team * Longwood University President's List.

Female Henry I. Willett Scholar-Athlete of the Year: MARY MILLAGE

Senior * Women's Golf * Ennismore, Ontario, Canada

Therapeutic Recreation Major * 4.000 GPA

Played all 21

rounds for women's golf team * had an 83.67 stroke average * low 18-hole score of 76 * low 36-hole score of 158 * low 54-hole score of 240 * 2003 and 2002 NGCA All-Scholar Team * Longwood University President's List.

Freshman Male Athlete of the Year: BRETT CHAMBERS

Men's Golf * Mount Sidney, Virginia. Has played all 23 rounds for men's golf team * co-leader on team with 74.65 scoring average * low 18-hole score of 66 (ties school-record) * low 36-hole score of 137 (school-record) * low 54-hole score of 216 * individual winner at Eastern Kentucky/Colonel Classic * two Top Five individual finishes.

Freshman Female Athlete of the Year: ABBEY WELCH

Softball * LaPlata, Maryland

Has started 37 of 40 games for softball team (36-12) * pitcher leads team with 33 appearances and 17 complete-games, including 21 starts * has team-best 19-5 record, 0.89 ERA, 2 saves, and a school-record 178 strikeouts * 1 no-hitter (Hampton, 8-0) * t-14th in Division II wins, t-26th in saves, t-35th in ERA * West Virginia Wesleyan All-Tournament Team.

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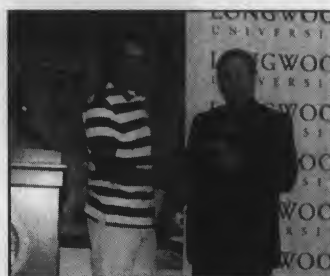
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Park) (1a, 1p).

In goal, Schmidt has posted 558:59 minutes played, including 74 saves for a .477 save percentage. The senior also owns an 8.69 goals against average. Wilson has played 281:01 minutes; recording 43 saves for a .597 save percentage, while posting a 6.19 goals against average. Combined, the duo has made 110 stops for a .515 save percentage and a 7.86 goals against average.



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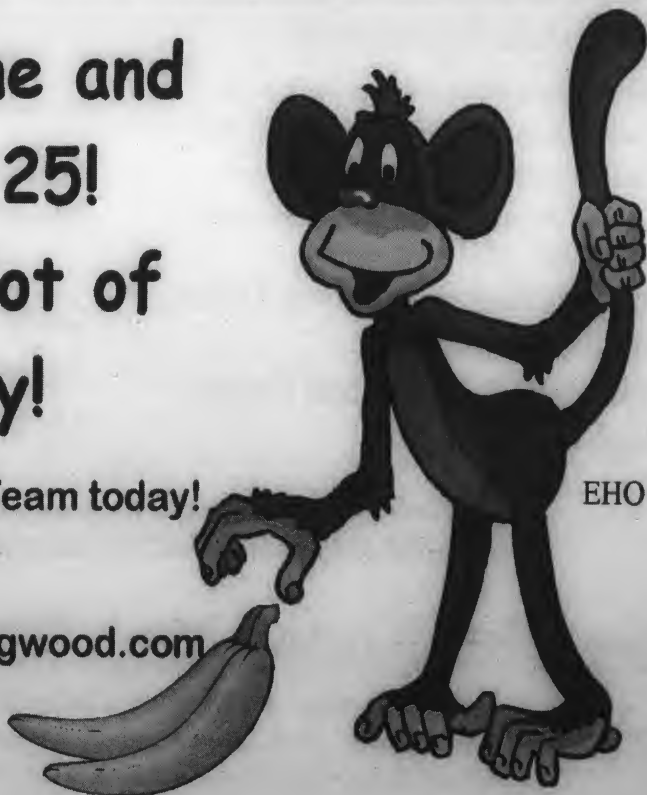
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Longwood Opens with Highest Tuition Costs, Freshman Enrollment Ever

Shawn Garrett
News Editor

Total costs at Longwood University increased by 6.2 percent for in-state undergraduate residential students and 7.1 percent for undergraduate out-of-state residential students for the 2004-2005 school year. Freshman enrollment also rose 12 percent over last year.

Overall charges, including room and board, increased by \$690, to \$11,865 for an undergraduate from Virginia living on campus, and \$1,224, to \$18,375 for an out-of-state undergrad. The tuition hike represents an overall increase of 9 percent for all undergraduates.

"The combination of General Funds (from the state) and the tuition increase will enable Longwood to move forward on its strategic initiatives," said Kathy Worster, vice president for administration and finance. "Those initiatives include safety and security, increased financial

aid, facilities maintenance, faculty initiatives and marketing efforts. Also, the new General Funds and the tuition increase will enable us to better handle the increased enrollment."

The proposed state budget provides an additional \$1,864,535 in General Funds for Longwood for fiscal year 2005, an increase of 10.9 percent over fiscal 2004.

"However, with the \$4.6 million in cuts in base operating funds and additional cuts in equipment trust fund and maintenance reserve over the past three years, this does not bring us back to where we were three years ago, especially with a much larger student population today than we had then," Worster said.

The tuition increases came after an unprecedented series of tense and delayed budget negotiations in the General Assembly in Richmond. The uncertainty surrounding Virginia's two-year budget forecast forced Longwood's Board of Visitors in

March to take unusual measures, approving a range of tuition and fee increases of between 5 and 9 percent. It was the first time tuition and fees for an upcoming school year were not set at the March Board meeting.

Funding issues in the form of state-mandated tuition rollbacks and consecutive years of tuition freezes have dogged higher education in Virginia for much of the past decade. This, in addition to a statewide \$617 million cut in taxpayer support over the current two-year budget cycle (2002-2004), and rising operating costs, contributed to the hikes.

Comparatively, Longwood's tuition rate increases stand as a average barometer for similar tuition increases at state-supported institutions across Virginia. The University of Virginia's Board of Visitors in April announced an overall tuition and fees increase of 12.6 percent

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Student Walter Gray talks with Debra Nystrom after a presentation Monday night. Nystrom was the first reader for this year's Author's Series.

Picture taken by Shawn Garrett

Author's Series Returns for 21st Year

Leslie Smith
Style Editor

A little after 8 o'clock in the Wygal auditorium last night, Dr. Craig Challender introduced the first reader of the 2004-2005 Author Series, Debra Nystrom.

A poet who has been featured in many prominent literary magazines, including the *Yale Review* and *Crazyhorse*, Nystrom grew up in South Dakota, and came to Charlottesville, VA, for UVA's creative writing MFA.

She ended up joining the creative writing faculty after graduating.

She's won prizes such as the Heart Borders Books Poetry

Prize, and the UVA Postgraduate Fellowship in Poetry. She has two books of poetry out: *A Quarter Turn and Torn Sky*.

Many of her poems related much of her high school and college experiences, such as the first poem she read, "To Keif", which was based on an old high school boyfriend.

Many of her poems are also based on her experiences with the plight of the Native Americans, both personal and political. "Half Time, Oglala High, 1970" is a good example of a this relationship.

Nystrom's poetry is full of beautiful language and thought-provoking syntax. It is sure to please any learning poet.

Lancer Gym Floor Ruined By Flooding

Shawn Garrett
News Editor

On Sunday, August 1st, Longwood officials discovered the severe buckling of the Lancer Gym floor in Willet Hall. Following a heavy storm the night before, a Brock Commons storm drain just off the main entrance overflowed and leaked into the building, university officials have determined.

"No one really saw how much water there was," said Richard Bratcher, Director of Facilities Management, though water marks indicated as much as two inches stood in the 2,522 seat gymnasium, causing an irreparable warping of the hardwood floor.

The flooding stemmed from the storm drain's inability to deal with the heavy rains. The inadequate capacity led excess water to

seep into the building, and eventually the gym, causing a severe buckling, rendering the entire floor unusable.

The replacement of the floor was declared an emergency project and provisions were made to begin the work immediately.

A group of faculty members and administration officials representing Campus Recreation, the Department of Health, Recreation, and Kinesiology, Facilities Management and the athletic teams were also hurriedly assembled to make emergency provisions for classes and other events that require use of the floor.

"Classes were moved and recreation activities were put elsewhere," said Bratcher. "So far, all immediate needs have been taken care of."

Mr. Bratcher praised the group

responsible for the emergency changes and all involved for their quick action.

"They really need to be commended. It really was indicative of the Longwood way. Everyone came together to solve a major problem and really came through for the students."

To combat the problem, a larger main drain has been installed, as well as a second, smaller drain. The University has also been in contact with Brock Commons' architects to find a long-term solution.

Inside, the floor has been completely dismantled, removed and new replacement materials have already arrived on campus.

At the time of this article, work was being done to sand and level the concrete floor below, and the relaying is expected to be completed by mid-semester.

When asked about responsibility for the flooding, Mr. Bratcher declined to implicate either the architects or engineers responsible for the drains' installation, but confirmed that an investigation was ongoing.

"We are not calling this an act of God," he said.

Formerly Lancer Hall, Henry I. Willett, Jr. Hall is home to Longwood Basketball and the Department of Health, Recreation, and Kinesiology.

The center of Longwood athletics, the facility includes a weight-training laboratory, a human performance lab, a dance studio, an Olympic-size pool, and a 500-seat natatorium as well as other facilities for the University's 14 sports.

It was completed in 1980 at a cost of \$4.5 million.

Over the summer, Longwood,

which has been actively seeking NCAA Division I reclassification, was held off from joining the Division I Big South conference.

The Big South delayed in sending Longwood an invitation to join the conference in June, citing the need for better assurances that Longwood would upgrade its athletic facilities by 2007-2008, when it is expected to become a full Division I member.

President Patricia Cormier has committed to the upgrades, and to building a new multi-purpose gym with a capacity of about 4,000, which will cost an estimated \$25-\$30 million.

Though construction is not expected to begin for at least two years, sources familiar with the proposal say the new gym is expected to be located on the current site of Wynne Hall.

Words From the Editor: A Little Something Different



Welcome back! I hope everyone had a stellar summer. It sure was something different.

Different good or different bad, I haven't decided yet.

I spent the summer asking solid post modern questions like: what is the meaning of life? Is there happiness? Is Jane Pauley a sell-out for taking a day-time talk show? All I can offer you is that the jury is still out on the last one. Her voice is a little too journalistic to sound like, well, Ellen? Oprah? It's a touch unnerving. But I do so love you, Jane. Don't fret.

But, regardless of day-time middle-age-women talk shows, here it is: senior year. Who knew? I've got so much cheesy stuff to say, and I'm not sure if I want to say it.

I decided to give in and have an oh-my-god-it's-senior-year-and-do-I-really-want-to-do-what-

I'm-studying-to-do-and-does-any-of-this-mean-anything-resembling-anything crisis.

Most of this started when I finally got around to reading Jeanne Marie Laskas's new book, *The Exact Same Moon: Fifty Acres and a Family*. Beautifully written, Laskas shares finding and accomplishing life dreams. And even when you think you've found it all, finding more.

Laskas was one of my writing heroes in high school. She has a regular column in *The Washington Post Magazine* called "Significant Others." This book and her previous one (*Fifty Acres and a Poodle*) are fleshed out versions of her essays.

Every Sunday, I used to grab the magazine out of the plastic package of comics and advertisements and *Parade* and whatever else gets shoved in there.

Every week, I would skim through (or actually read, if they were interesting enough) the cover stories. Then I'd read Liza

Mundy and Gene Weingarten in the front of the magazine. Then I'd flip to the last page and read Dave Barry. Finally, I'd turn to the backside of Barry and indulge in a smart, witty, and poignant look at friends, family, strangers, and the relationships that bring us all together.

When I was first really finding my voice, I took a lot of it from Laskas. While you wouldn't really be able to tell by what I write here, my more creative writings and journal entries still echo some of what I took from her all those years ago.

But the thing about reading Laskas now, at twenty-one and a senior in college, is that I'm forced to look at what my dreams used to be, and why I've dismissed them. And, more importantly, am I willing to take them back? Am I willing to put in the work and the tears and the frustration that is involved in finding one's dream?

I tried to ignore these nagging gut feelings, but then I reread some work by Truman Capote, another one of my literary heroes that I left behind in high school.

And then I saw my idol (Carole King) in concert.

And then I spent time at three different Dar concerts.

And then I read some new favorites, namely Virginia Woolf.

And then I remembered how much I used to love Jane Pauley when she was on *Dateline*.

And then I realized that all of these people, at one time or another, had to make the decision to go after what they really wanted. The sacrifices and the blind leaps of faith that either left them successful and alive, or successful and at the bottom of a river. Either way, they all got (or all have, depending on the person) what they wanted.

It helps to know that I'm not alone in this crisis. I see it in other seniors around me. In freshmen. Even in some of the professors. The future is just one big mess that leaves us grappling at the air.

On a *Rotunda* note, as we start a new year, I have a few requests of you (the students, faculty, staff, concerned readers, etc). We're a

quickly growing staff, but this is also a quickly growing school.

We try our best to find out the interesting things this school has to offer, but we need your help. If your organization is doing something exciting, we would love you forever if you just dropped us a line (rotunda@longwood.edu) and let us know. Then we can send a reporter or a photographer and you will be in the paper! Fabulous, eh?

Also, we'd like to have a classified section. As with all advertising, this will be free to everyone at Longwood. This includes students, faculty, staff, and organizations. Anything is up for grabs. Need a ride? Offering a ride? Got something to sell? A love note? Seriously, anything. This is a paper for you, and this is what we've been hearing that you want. So have at it!

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Twice the Product, Half the Advertising

Shawn Garrett
News Editor

Longwood is growing.

It can be seen in the final completion of Brock Commons, the move to Division I, the largest freshman class in the history of the University, and more dollars being spent everywhere you look than ever before.

Upon arrival for my second year, I was astonished to see and hear all that had gone on while I was away.

But, therein lies the problem. I didn't know what was happening until I arrived.

The solution?

A better website.

Our little university is on the move, garnering widespread surprise and congratulations from state officials and regular citizens alike.

New initiatives and programs, coupled with a heightened sense of ambition and possibility make Longwood every day a more appealing choice for higher learning, but we just aren't selling it.

Compared to similarly-sized University of Mary Washington

and the much smaller Virginia Military Institute, Longwood's lack of imagination, style, and, well, content in its website, is disappointing.

From a meager basic information page to many dead or outdated links to department pages that have the amateurish feel of a high school project, the site is lacking in many respects.

A recent review by a friend of mine who attends City College of New York drew audible laughs when he directed his browser to the prospective student page.

"Listen to this," he said over the phone, " 'At Longwood University, you'll graduate with a degree that means something in the world beyond the campus.' What does that mean exactly?" he asked. "Trust us, Longwood degrees aren't worthless?"

To be fair, the site does have its high points.

Shining examples of professionalism can be found in such diverse places as the Art Department's pages, the College of Business and Economics' pages, and the recently revamped

Greenwood Library page, which, perhaps the best one yet, could be used as a unifying template for the rest of the site.

Of course, such problems can be easily understood.

It might be an issue of too few dollars for too big a job, not enough technical hands on staff to handle it, or something similar.

Because of this, who I would look to for a solution is not the IT department, or the over-worked folks at the Help Desk, but the administration as a whole.

As it stands now, longwood.edu gives the impression of inconsistency, of a loose academic confederation, of all working under the umbrella of Longwood University.

The administration is quick to praise its wireless buildings and undergraduate laptop program, but few will take us seriously as a technological powerhouse if our site doesn't prove it.

In today's world, the website is the face we present to the public; our first and perhaps most important impression.

Why not make it a good one?

“If you're not mad, you're not paying attention!”

The “Activist” is your outlet for battling social injustice and things that suck. This is your chance to do something about societal evils, instead of just whining about them. So speak up and act up. Because, if you're not mad, you're not paying attention. E-mail Activist ideas to rotunda@longwood.edu.

Longwood Is Changing; I'm Complaining

What else new?

Tanner S. Keith
Opinion Editor

For those of you returning to campus this fall, you may have noticed some differences between the Longwood you knew and loved last year and the diabolical Longwood of now.

Perhaps diabolical is the wrong word.

The word tyrannical doesn't seem quite right either.

Nonetheless, Longwood surely is different.

For example, Madison street doesn't sever the campus in half anymore, it now serves as a seemingly addition to the Brock Commons.

While this idea isn't that bad, it apparently gives the pizza delivery guys one heck of an adventure trying to find The Cunninghams.

When I order a pizza, I want punctuality and persistence.

I don't want some third-rate pizza guy who can't find the right building in an hour.

The small section of Pine Street remaining between The Cunninghams and Hiner has extended the nice sidewalk and 24/7 sprinkler saturated roped-off grass sections of Madison Street.

Other projects around Longwood seem to be moving along.

The sections of construction on the Ruffners now have windows, and the project is starting to closely resemble a usable building.

The progress on the huge science building beside Wheeler also seems to be moving along nicely.

But then, of course, we have the gym floor that is currently being replaced because of water damage and the rising

price of parking tickets.

Longwood University is growing; as you can surely tell by the masses of people everywhere.

With the large freshman class and Longwood's status of a “University,” progress toward a better establishment seems to be the goal.

However, I didn't come to Longwood for the experience of Longwood, the little college that could.

I came to Longwood because I liked the simple settings, the personal interaction with the professors, and the true feeling of a small campus.

I was attracted by these qualities, and now they seem to be disappearing one by one.

One of my classes is now double its normal size, and because, as the professor announced, “Longwood is a University now,” he “might not get to know all of your [the students] names.”

The class size was doubled as they combined two sections into one, and placed it into a large lecture room.

At times during class, I try to see to the other side of the room, but fail. My twenty-twenty vision is no match for the wall on the other side of the world.

I can remember hearing countless times, “you're not a number here, you're a name, and all of your professors will know you.”

I no longer believe that I am not a number, seeing how Longwood University sent me my new number this summer.

They sure didn't send me a new name, as the card was not a Campus-Wide Surname, but a Campus-Wide ID number.

Of course, the reason for the number is Longwood's conversion from personal service, to cold, heartless, automated technological systems.

Perhaps the computer systems are horrendously evil, set out to

destroy the hearts of students.

Once again, that might be a little harsh.

While it seems as though our simple campus could have an easy way to go through this conversion, the sad reality is that there doesn't seem to be one.

Every student received a new ID number, as well as a surprise password change.

After I went to the student services desk and got my new password, I was filled with excitement from the possibility that I could change my password.

Logic told me that I could change it back to my original one to guarantee easy e-mail access, but, of course, the illogical option prevailed.

Not only did I have to wait until five that day, I was not able to change back to my original password, which caused me much distress.

So now, Longwood is changing into a so-called University.

It is bursting at its seams with students and professors complaining about the size of classes.

Huge projects are planned and in various stages it's symbol (The Rotunda) is soon to be unveiled, and we can't forget the new gym floor.

The change may be good in some cases such as Brock Commons creating a center for the campus, and a nice, new, title.

While other changes, such as carnival lines and the fact that almost all of the systems being entirely based on web mail, aren't quite so good.

With the good and the bad also comes hope, like the hope that surely some other changes are going on now. Including changes for better classrooms, better funding, and a great college experience.

These great changes are going on right now.

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props and drops

Props:

- + To Earl Swink and Officer Dove.
- + To Milkshake Man on *Reno 911*, may he rest in peace.
- + To Doctor Cook.
- + To apartment living.
- + To the enforcement of no smoking on Brock Commons.

Drops:

- To boys who start fights and cower in the corner.
- To overloaded circuits.
- To people living in lounges.
- To coming to campus thirty minutes early to get a parking spot.
- To 50 dollar parking tickets.

Speak Out

Did you check your web mail this summer?



“Yes, I did.”

Rebecca
Senior



“Only while looking for something in particular.”

Jason
Junior



“It didn't concern me, over the summer.”

Jacob
Sophomore



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Kelsie and Anna
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Irritating Vocals Wreck Second Earshot Album

Joe Amaral
UWire

When it comes to alternative metal, most bands in the genre sing about the same cliché material: getting over drug abuse, recovering from a hard relationship and living a difficult life.

The style is depressing and has been done to death.

Earshot, which released its second album "Two," is another example of a band trying to express its sorrowful feelings.

Earshot is made up of Wil Martin (vocals/ guitar), Scott Kohler (guitar), Mike Callahan (guitar), Johnny Sprague (bass) and Chas Stumbo (drums).

The band likes to express its feeling by playing hard metal to vent its anger.

This venting of frustration does nothing for the band.

Martin's lyrics are weak and he sings about the same depressing material on almost every track.

Martin should have livened up the album by singing about something positive, but instead he ruins the songs with his depressing lyrics.

On "Nice to Feel the Sun," Earshot has a cool guitar feedback sound in the background, but the effort is ruined with Martin's weak lyrics and off-beat vocals.

This is unfortunate because this song is one of the few Earshot songs that have uplifting lyrics.

"Fall Apart" is another example of the cliché lyrics that have been heard dozens of times.

Martin whines, "All my life, I've done nothing but hide from myself."

These lyrics are typical on most of the album and can be annoying after a while.

Martin's vocals are decent at best and Earshot stinks at playing its instruments.

The band's three guitarists should not be needed on any of the songs when one guitarist is capable of doing all guitar parts.

"Tongue-Tied" is awful and it sounds like someone is trying to clear his throat in the background when the band sings the chorus.

What does work for the band is its good vocal harmonies, especially on "Down."

Once again, the effort is killed with Martin's mediocre vocals and repetitive, dark lyrics.

Martin is downright irritating on "Again," when he extends the lyrics by singing, "Need to find my way back home agaaaaaaaiinnnn."

"Control" is by far the worst song and it portrays Earshot at its most annoying.

Martin screams his hardest on the chorus, and the only redeeming quality of the song is that it ends.

The one good song on the album is the ballad "Should've Been There."

The song is pleasant because it actually has positive lyrics and one does not have to listen to Stumbo's putrid drumming.

Martin's vocals are also very controlled, which makes the listen easier.

Earshot's "Two" is a mediocre to poor effort because it offers nothing new lyrically or musically.

"Two" is boring and is not recommended listening for someone in a depressed mood.

Let's just say that one will feel even worse after listening to Earshot.

Earshot's name should be a warning alone to a listener, because anyone listening will definitely take a "shot" in the "ear."



Transitional Housing and Overcrowding: Telling Signs of Longwood's "Hope and Cope" Housing

Tongue in Cheek

By: Ellie Woodruff

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NCATE wants to ensure that teachers have all the necessary training and licensures that are required before they are able to teach in a classroom.

The accreditation process requires substantial internal and external review on the University's program.

First the University must show that their "graduates are meeting the highest standards for best practice in education," according to Dr. Betty Jo Simmons, who is co-coordinating the celebration with Dr. Frank Howe.

In addition to that, a team of reviewers must oversee what each of the programs are doing and come to check the school out in person.

On September 17th, Longwood will commence the celebration of reaching the 50 year mark of having an NCATE accredited program.

Only four universities in Virginia have this honor. The festivities will commence with a reception held for individuals who have played an important role in Longwood obtaining this honor.

On Saturday, September 18th, the Secretary of Education, the Honorable Belle S. Wheelen will speak at symposium to be held in the Orr Auditorium in Hull.

Other events that will be held that day include discussions with current students in the department as well as Longwood University alumni who have completed the Liberal Studies program.

Also, there will be a ceremony at the end of the day at which time a plaque will be presented by the current president of NCATE, Art Wise, to celebrate the 50 years of accreditation that Longwood has obtained.

The Orientation Leaders and members of S.E.A.L. welcome the Class of 2008 to Longwood University!

Longwood Alum Serve as Peace Corps Volunteers



Sara Johnston
Peace Corp Representative

ARLINGTON, Va., August 1, 2004- Susan "Sue" Hart, the daughter of Olney residents Ken and Sandy Hart, has been accepted into the Peace Corps.

She departed for the Kingdom of Tonga on July 8 to train and serve as a youth development volunteer.

A substantial part of her service will include coordinating and facilitating activities with community youth groups and building environmental awareness.

A 2000 graduate of Magruder High School in Rockville, Hart continued her education at Longwood University in Farmville, Va.

There she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in therapeutic recreation with minors in psychology and outdoor education in 2004.

No stranger to outdoor education, Hart has worked with S.O.A.R. (Success Oriented Achievement Realized) in North Carolina, attended National Outdoor Leadership School, and shared her love for the outdoors and environment as Longwood

University's Outdoors Club president.

She hopes Peace Corps will allow her share her love of nature with young people while feeding her sense of adventure and desire to help others.

A photograph of Sue Hart is available upon request; please contact Sara Johnston at (202)692-1050 or at sjohnston@peacecorps.gov for more information.

Sue Hart joins the 40 Longwood College graduates who have served in the Peace Corps since the agency was established in 1961.

Today 5 graduates of Longwood, including Hart, are working in places such as El Salvador, Fiji, Thailand and Dominican Republic.

James Mayers (Class of 1989) and two other graduates of the college will soon be departing for Peace Corps assignments overseas.

Peace Corps volunteers must be U.S. citizens, at least 18 years of age, and be able to commit to two years of service. For more information on the Peace Corps, you can visit their official website at www.peacecorps.gov.

Sara Johnston
Peace Corp Representative

ARLINGTON, Va., July 28, 2004- After 13 years working with the military as a civilian engineer, James Mayers is preparing to serve in a different way.

Mayers, the son of Fredericksburg residents Leo and Shirley Mayers, has been accepted into the Peace Corps.

He will depart for Bulgaria on August 8 to train and serve as an environmental, non-governmental organization (NGO) volunteer.

In his assignment, Mayers will work with community members on a range of environmental efforts.

A 1985 graduate of Bishop Dennis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington, Mayers earned a bachelor's degree in physics from Longwood College in Farmville, Va. in 1989.

He then went on to Old Dominion University in Norfolk where he earned a second bachelor's in electrical engineering in

1991.

For the past 8 years, Mayers has worked as a civilian engineer for the U.S. Marine Corps in Quantico where he received the Superior Civilian Service award during 2000-2002.

Prior to that, he spent five years with the Department of the Navy in Arlington.

Mayers has always maintained a volunteer spirit. For the past four years, he worked as a volunteer and mentor at Wide Water Elementary School in Stafford and more recently as a volunteer, ESL (English as a Second Language) tutor at Regional Adult Education Planning, District 16 in Spotsylvania.

He was attracted to Peace Corps because it provides an opportunity to serve and fully experience another culture while still providing the security of an organized agency.

He hopes his service will make a difference among Americans as well, "I [will] share my experience with other Americans

thereby providing them with another perspective."

For more information, contact James Mayers directly at (703)371-4956 before he departs in August.

A photograph is also available upon request, please contact sjohnston@peacecorps.gov.

Mayers joins the more than 5,400 Virginia residents, of all ages, who have served in the Peace Corps since the agency was established in 1961.

Today 278 Virginians are working in places such as Kenya, Belize, Uzbekistan and Nepal.

Fifty-five more have accepted assignments are planning to depart this summer and fall.

Over 170,000 volunteers have served in 137 countries since the Peace Corps was established in 1961.

Today, over 7,500 volunteers serve in programs to address business development, health and HIV/AIDS, the environment, education, agriculture and information technology.

The 2004 Orientation Leaders would like to thank the following faculty members for serving as 2004 Faculty Orientation Leaders. We really enjoyed working with you, and thank you for helping to inspiring the Class of 2008!:

Dr. Pam Tracy

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Dr. Scott Cole

Dr. Lucinda Sinclair

Dr. David Coles

The NFL Preview

Patrick Sullivan
Sports Editor

Today marks the filling of a void left in many sports fans ever since the Patriots second breath-taking Super Bowl Victory. Kickoff begins at nine on ABC with a AFC Championship rematch as the Colts travel to take on the Patriots.

AFC East: Obviously the Patriots are the favorite to repeat, but the Ravens are the only Super Bowl Champions in the last three years to make the playoffs the next year. The addition of Cory Dillon puts a great player in New England's worst position while their biggest competition in Miami lost their running game when Ricky Williams retired, sending them to the cellar of the east. With the talent in Buffalo and the additions of Justin McCareins and Jonathan Vilma in New York, the Jets and Bills will battle it out for second place.

AFC North: The Ravens are the only team in this division to finish with a winning record and if Jamal Lewis can make every game they are the most likely repeat division champs. The Browns have improved on offense with Jeff Garcia and Kellen Winslow enough to move up to challenge the now Carson Palmer led Bengals. Meanwhile the lack-luster Steelers will be moving in the Bengals old spot in the division's basement.

AFC South: Ever since this division formed it's been Titans versus Colts for the top spot, and things don't look like they are going to change much this year. But with teams losing playmakers like Eddie George, Jevon Kearse, and Marcus Washington the gap between these two giants and the up-and-coming David Carr manned Texans is beginning to close. If Byron Leftwich continues to improve, this quarterback heavy division could become one of the strongest air divisions in recent memory.

AFC West: As long as you've got LaDainian Tomlinson you don't need an offensive line, right? That's what the Chargers are betting starting the season with only one player that started more than half the season last

year. If they are wrong they might have to fight off the elderly Raiders for the number one pick next year. On the other side of the division, Champ Bailey shutting off half of Mile High Stadium and a new 1,000 yard rusher the Broncos might just might challenge the Chiefs. If not expect Trent Green to finally be recognized a top quarterback in the NFL.

NFC East: If the Eagles fail to reach the Super Bowl with the addition of Jevon Kearse and Terrell Owens and the return of Hugh Douglas and Jeremiah Trotter the city of Philadelphia just might spontaneously combust. After many years of patient waiting those Redskins-Cowboys games will finally mean something again as both teams will compete for second place in the division and a playoff spot. The only reason to watch Giants football this year is to see when Eli Manning gets handed the starting job.

NFC North: As long as Brett Favre has a green and yellow uniform on the Packers are always going to be the favorite to win the division. The Vikings should easily fit into second place, but it wouldn't be uncharacteristic for them underachieve themselves to the bottom of the NFL. The Lions should break their away losing streak this year after drafting Kevin Jones and Roy Williams and could find themselves out of the basement only due to how horrific the Bears are. Chicago can only go as far as their defense takes them after trading the only respectable offensive skill player, receiver Marty Booker for Miami's defensive end Adewale Ogunleye.

NFC South: Carolina has all the talent and strategy needed for another division title but expect the run to be a little tighter this year. Michael Vick is undoubtedly the NFL's best athlete as well as one of its most inaccurate quarterbacks. However if he finds success in Jim Mora's new West Coast offense he could solidify himself as true MVP material. If his cousin, Aaron Brooks, and the rest of the Saints can actually play as good as they really are for 16 games they could

Take Me Out To the Ball Game

Kyle Martin
Staff Writer

When is it possible to travel to a Major League Baseball game for under 20 bucks? On September 11, the Lankford Student Union will sponsor the first off-campus trip of the school year: a visit to Baltimore, Maryland. Students participating in the trip will get to see the Baltimore Orioles play against the New York Yankees at Camden Yards, as well as a chance to see the harbor, the aquarium, and the ESPN Zone.

The only charge for the trip is \$15 to cover the price of the baseball game ticket. The Student Union made the trip affordable by covering the expense of an Abbott Trailways

bus for participants.

Due to the low price, the Student Union quickly sold out the 47 spaces available for the trip with 25 candidates on a waiting list. Jeff Gore, Operations Manager for Student Union and Involvement, was impressed with the interest for the trip.

"Judging from the response, it's something we would like to make an annual event, possibly a tradition at Longwood," Gore said. He also notes that the New York Yankees' success and popularity added to the draw of the game. Gore mentioned the possibility of a trip later this fall to Washington, D.C. to visit the Smithsonian Museum and the zoo at an estimated cost of \$6.50 for students.

Due to the response for the baseball trip, Susan Sullivan, The Director of Student Union and Activities, stated, "We've been able to plan a trip for April and allow anybody on the wait list that wasn't able to go first dibs on the April Trip. We won't know about the spring trip until Major League Baseball publishes their 2005 season schedule."

Sullivan does have advice for students interested in future trips. "It is important for students to tell us what they would like to do," Sullivan said. Those who have suggestions for future off-campus trips can e-mail the Lankford Student Union at the address: lankford@longwood.edu.

find themselves in the Super Bowl, but in reality they will edge out the Buccaneers who only have nine full-time starters returning from last season.

NFC West: Remember years ago when Jerry Rice went to Oakland and Steve Young called it quits? How quickly the Niners came back with a CFL refugee and a brash new young receiver? No, Tim Rattay and Brandon Lloyd aren't Jeff Garcia and T.O. but they will make them better than Denny Green's Cardinals. And even though on the decline, the explosive yet sometime blundering Rams offense just might put them in position to challenge the Seahawks.

Dark-Horse: Even if you're not a Gibbs fan, an improved backfield and upgraded front seven definitely have Washington fans dreaming of the Gibbster raising another Lombardi.

Bust: The Jaguars are the most over-hyped team this season making everyone's dark-horse list, but too much depends on Byron Leftwich and a new look defense.

Breakthrough Player: Phillip Rivers hold-out gave the Drew Brees the starting job in San Diego. If he continues his pre-season form Brees could turn this franchise around.

Super Bowl: Kansas City over Philadelphia. Both cities erupt in riots as Dick Vermeil quietly weeps like a little girl.

Field Hockey Earns Win #1

Sports Information

The Longwood University field hockey team got a goal and an assist from freshman Cristin Newbold/Norfolk, Va. (Maury) to help propel the Lancers to a 2-0 victory over Georgetown University (0-3) at Crenshaw Field in Richmond this afternoon. Longwood (1-2), who earned its first victory of the season, will be back in action Sunday September 12 when they travel to play Virginia Commonwealth. Game time is slated for 1:00 p.m.

The Lancers got on board sixteen minutes into the contest when junior Alexis Ramey/Westminster, Calif. (Marina) found Newbold on the left wing. Newbold con-

trolled the ball and beat Hoya goalkeeper sophomore Abby Winer to give Longwood the 1-0 advantage.

The Lancers held strong for the rest of the first half and were able to get an insurance goal at the 63:18 mark of the second half when Newbold slipped a pass to freshman Mary Freeman/Fredericksburg, Va. (Stafford) who then scored her first collegiate goal.

Longwood finished with 22 shots, including 10 on goal, while Georgetown was limited to five shots on goal. Senior goalkeeper Julie Patterson/Esmont, Va. (Monticello) finished the day with five saves, while Winer made eight saves for Georgetown.

QUICK HITS

Records:

Field Hockey	1 - 2
Men's Soccer	0 - 3
Women's Soccer	0 - 4

Home Games This Week:
None

Players of the Week

Field Hockey
Christin Newbold, 1 Goal, 1 Assist
Men's Soccer
Alex Lubinsky, 1 goal
Women's Soccer
Anne Whitmore, 10 saves

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SGA Predicts Smoother Organization Approval

Improved budget process, new website cited as turning points

Shawn Garrett
News Editor

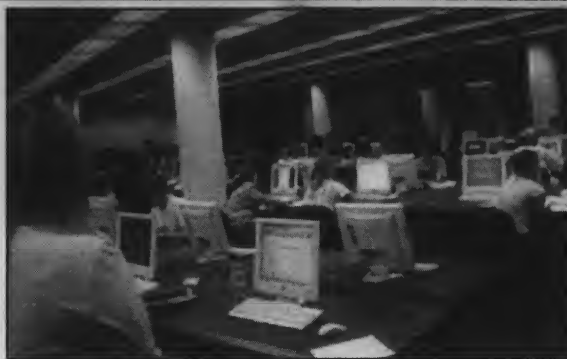
Current organization presidents, treasurers, and students attempting to start new organizations will find SGA's approval process considerably less infuriating and obscure this year. At least that's the hope of SGA Treasurer Jon Miller, who addressed the first Longwood (COOL) meeting Tuesday night.

"We're working for you," Miller said to the more than 25 student club and organization leaders in the Student Union's Lankford Ballroom. "It's a give and take process," said Miller, adding that he understood the serious negative not having a budget can have.

ed it," said Miller. "There was no budget template, out of date instructions on spending money, no bylaws and generally poor English throughout."

According to Miller, the old packet was a rough draft that was never improved upon until now. The new packets have been made clearer and, though much was added, Miller says the contract has also been simplified. Clearer rules and outlines are expected to make the approval process much easier.

Lee French, former president of both the Audiovisual Communication Technology (ACT) club and the Outdoor club, welcomed the news of a more organization-friendly process. "I found the old SGA



Students use the newly installed workstations in Greenwood Library. Such use might become necessary for students blocked from Longwood's network.

Photo by Scott Dill

Students Now Responsible for Continued Internet Access

Ashley Dow
Staff Writer

While most students spent their summer break working, studying, and laying out by the pool free of the stresses of college life, it is doubtful many thought about updating the software on their computers.

Upon return to campus, some students were denied Internet access. Angry, they called their Resident Technology Assistant seeking help. What they learned was they had been kicked off of the university's network because their computer was infected with a virus.

This was not the first time many students' computers were infected. A year ago, over half of the campus computers were infected with the "blaster worm" virus. Since then the Help Desk has seen a rise in the amount of computers infected with various viruses. If there are a lot of viruses on the network, the system will slow down and eventually crash.

Most students who were kicked off quickly learned that, had they updated their McAfee antivirus software and ran Windows updates regularly, they could have prevented their computer from being infected. "When the network administrator sees something that could violate the network, the student is cut off,"

said Kim Redford, Director of User Support Services. "If the student was not cut off, the network could potentially shut down."

Last semester the Help Desk provided every student on campus with a three-fold pamphlet outlining how to run these updates. The pamphlet was slid under every campus residence door. To the disappointment of the Help Desk most of the pamphlets were seen in residence hall trashcans later that day. In an effort to remind students to run the updates before returning to campus this fall, two fliers were sent to students this summer detailing how to run the updates.

"We thought by educating students we would have less problems but we did not. This past spring semester was awful for the help desk," said Redford. "We were spending most of our time tracking down students who had infected computers. We decided that the only way to get students to listen was to establish a policy"

This summer representatives from the help desk, campus administration developed a policy designed to get students to take a greater responsibility for the care and updating of their computers. Student Government Association President Alicia Moody then reviewed the new policy. The Network Violations

policy consists of three offenses with the third resulting in judicial charges.

The first offense occurs when the student is identified by the network administrator for having a virus on his or her computer. As a result, the student's Internet access is temporarily denied and he or she will have to download or update McAfee and Windows. RTAs will work with the student to clean spyware and run updates. Upon the first offense, students must sign a confirmation letter saying they have received information on how to update their computer.

If a student's computer is infected a second time, his or her computer must be brought to the Help Desk for re-imaging. This will cost the student 35 dollars an hour in labor charges. The student will lose Internet access for five days after the re-imaging is completed. If a student has a non-Dell laptop or desktop it will take longer to be re-imaged.

The third time a student's computer is found by the administrator to be infected, the student is denied access to the network for a minimum of five days and referred to the Office of Honor and Judicial Programs for violation of the Acceptable Use of Technology policy as outlined

Student Organizations At-A-Glance:

The total SGA budget is on file at the SGA office. It comes directly from the \$80.50 student activity fee assessed of most Longwood students.

Projected 2004-2005 Budget: \$644,000
(\$375,000 already earmarked)

Top Five Approved Budgets as of 9/16/04:

Lancer Productions:	\$171,375
Mortar Board:	\$63,687
WMLU:	\$51,010
Seal:	\$34,122.93
SGA:	\$25,400

Miller explained the basic steps toward creation and what organizations can expect when called upon to defend their budget requests. Afterward, there was a Q and A session where he addressed specific concerns and myths concerning the approval process. Also announced was a new SGA website, www.luconnect.com.

A highlight of the budget process this year is a revamped budget packet, the informational set of guidelines and instructions given to every prospective organization.

"The old budget packet was a lot less developed when I inherited it," said Miller.

difficult to work with," said Lee, citing problems with poor communication and unclear requirements.

James Barber, current president of ACT seconded French's observation, adding that, under the old system, it was difficult to get started.

"Three years ago, ACT didn't even exist," said Barber, who is impressed with the new turn the approval process has taken.

The procedure for any organization, old or new, is essentially threefold.

First, a prospective organiza-

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Words from the Editor: Overseas and Here at Home



I've tried to not write about the war, but I guess I can't ignore it forever.

My thoughts have been heavy about this since my phone rang last week. As usual, I ignored the call (because I'm a stellar friend). So the phone beeps. Message. I check it (unusual. Again, stellar friend). It's my friend Topher telling me that I must call him back. He always says that. I never do. But I'm bored, so I do.

"I got my medical waiver," he tells me.

I don't know what to say to him. Not unlike over the summer, when he took my best friend and me aside.

"I'm thinking about joining the Army," he said.

Stef and I blanked. "Do what?" we asked.

But he tells us how he needs a medical waiver, and he's not sure he can get it. As the son of an

Army man, Topher also says he feels a need to defend our country. I guess I can understand that. But it doesn't mean I'm not scared for him. And a little weary. Enlisting isn't always the best way to join the services.

We talked to his mom. "Maybe he'll get off his ass now," she said.

But then we dismissed it. The topic was dropped, and we went about our merry collegiate ways. Until he called me last week.

And then he called me again Tuesday night.

"I'm unofficially officially in the Army," he says. "I leave December 30. Just thought you should be the first to know."

"What does Mom think about this?"

"She's mad; she won't talk to me."

Oh. I guess she had dismissed the topic as well.

Topher is the first friend of mine to sign up for the service. I have several friends at the Academies, but I tend to dis-

count them, as there is no immediate danger.

Being the person that I am, I say the first thing that comes to my mind.

"Aren't you afraid to die?"

This makes him angry. "Amy, how long have you known me?" he asks.

Since we were fifteen. When his dad was transferred here from Kansas. When he was shorter than I was. When my mom asked me, "What's a Topher?" When he dated my friends, and we studied trig in his kitchen. When Mom made us brownies to encourage our studying. When our entire lives were ahead of us. When the biggest decision we had to make was whether or not to spend Friday night at Silver Diner.

"I've never been scared of anything before," he says. "Why would I start now? If it's my time to die, it's my time to die."

Admirable, but this is bigger than before. This is bigger than strawberry milkshakes and cheese fries and bad movies and sidewalk chalk and driving in the middle of the night.

I think of Mom and the poem we read the day before in Dr. Challenger's class. The only Whitman poem I can even half take to heart. The only Whitman poem to ever make me cry. Part of the last stanza of "Come Up from the Fields Father":

"But the mother needs to be better,
She with thin form presently drest in black,

By day her meals untouch'd, then at night fitfully sleeping, often waking

In the midnight waking, weeping, longing with one deep longing..."

Mom is a mom to all of us, and to see her worry and hurt over her

son makes us all worry and hurt as well.

I know all of this is kind of dramatic of me. But it makes me think about how hard it hits me, and I think about all of those before us. In times like World War II and Vietnam when everyone had their nearest and dearest overseas, often against their will. But here is my good friend, putting his life on the line on purpose. The single most adult, mature, and scary decision to date, especially as we watch the 1000th man go down in a place that used to seem so far away.

But I have faith that if anyone can do this, it's Topher. And for that, I wish him the best.

Amy Whipple

Amy Whipple
Editor-in-Chief

Taking a Stand Against Longwood Values

J. Lamont Brand
Guest Writer

I have discovered at least two things as a student here at Longwood.

First, that a GPA and an education are not necessarily synonymous. They are not totally antithetical, but there is much less overlap than one would assume.

Second, that there is only so much time available in a class, and that all questions, no matter how on or off topic, take up that valuable time.

Therefore, I have made two resolutions starting this year.

First Resolution: GPA is much more important than learning. Anything that has to be done to get the holy 4.0 comes first. Before learning the material, before events on campus, before my own ego, before anything else at all.

Secondly, that regardless of the seriousness or topicality of any questions or comments, I will try to withhold them so as not to "distract" the class or the professor.

Unfortunately, I have two pet peeves that drive me to frenzy. The first is roll call.

I understand that the Lancaster building wants to know that seats are being kept warm so that some kind of attendance record may be kept. However, I find it demeaning to have to chirp a cheerful, "Here

teacher" like a six-year-old.

The traditional students are used to it; they have been treated as children for the last twelve years. Perhaps they should know they are legal adults now.

My second pet peeve is The Pledge. When I first arrived here, I was treated to a show of people in funny robes passing a candle back and forth while chanting a ritual.

In addition to the amusing show, I was given a card with the Honor Code on it, which I signed.

Now, every time I "pledge" a paper, I feel that I am being called a liar. Didn't I sign this once and for all at the start of my Longwood career?

Let me explain this in simple terms. Either I am honest and would not cheat on a paper or else I am a cheater. In either case the Pledge is irrelevant.

Whenever a professor demands that I pledge a paper, he is either insulting my honesty or insulting my intelligence.

The flashpoint came the other day when my own resolutions conflicted.

I have found myself incapable of answering roll without barking "HERE!" in anger, so I simply sit quietly until the professor looks up and sees me sitting there.

I was sitting in class while the roll was being taken and gritting

my teeth through the whole humiliating process when my name was called.

The professor glanced up and then said, "Please answer when I call your name, so I don't have to look up."

I had to leave class at that point since I was too furious to not be truly disruptive.

I would have been unable to avoid asking, "Do you understand how indolent that makes you sound? Are you too lethargic to lift your head?"

So from this day on, if you call my name you will hear nothing. If you do not look up you will not see me and you might mark me absent.

You may do this seven times in a row and fail me from the course, GPA be damned.

I will still be there, trying to learn the material. If you would like, think of it as an audit of the course.

Secondly, I am refusing to pledge another paper.

If you automatically give zeroes to non-pledged papers, than do as you must.

Report me to the Honor Board if that is what you think best.

As the Yale graduates so recently in the news have a habit of saying, "Bring it On!"

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"If you're not mad, you're not paying attention!"

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Captain Sea's: Where are my Keys?

Whitney Mercer
Longwood Student

Captain Sea's Seafood Restaurant located at 1506 South Main Street looked like an interesting change of pace for a group of nine adults and two children this past Saturday night. We could hardly tell that the restaurant was open, due to the lack of activity as we entered the front door. There were six parties in the front dining room. No more than 20-25 guests (including our party) were being waited on.

It took ten minutes for any cheerful member of Sea's Crew to come to our table and ask what we would like to drink.

After waiting another 12-15 minutes, we finally received our 8 waters, a pink lemonade, and a Mountain Dew. As we sat there with no silverware or straws we amused ourselves by watching the waiting staff walk lazily about the dining room, passing un-bused tables, needy customers, and people who still had not been greeted.

Our amusement quickly turned to disgust. It was now 8:10 pm. There was no food on our table and as we were about to eat the napkins in front of us or storm out in frustration, and head to La Parota, our server dished out 4 orders of crab legs, and a crab cake dinner.

Two of the crab leg dinners had no fries, nor coleslaw, one had no hushpuppies, and the recipient of the crab cake dinner, never ordered a crab cake dinner.

A member of our party went to the hostess stand and spoke with the manager on duty about our unsatisfactory service thus far. When told that only half our party received their meals over this long waiting time, and that those dinners were missing

some of the side items, the manager hastily asked, "And?" as if our complaint was meaningless.

So, 8 minutes later, two more people had their meals in front of them, and 10 minutes after that two more people had their meals (The seafood platter was clearly requested to be broiled, yet came out fried). The chicken finger appetizer for the 3 year old came out last.

But, here's the kicker. As half of us are blankly staring at our "pound" of crab legs, our server so kindly enlightens us that Captain Sea's doesn't have any crab leg crackers.

"Well, how nice, maybe we can just gnaw the shells off?" I thought to myself. At this point, we just wanted to get our check and leave.

However, we thought we'd do the polite thing and eat the food that Captain Sea's had so efficiently prepared for us.

Our checks were brought to us, separated by couple. But of course, there was a problem.

The customer whom received the crab cake dinner when he had ordered a crab cake sandwich was charged \$10 more than what he expected and at the bottom of the check a tip had been included.

We asked to see the manager, again. After we realized that in this restaurant, the customer is never right, we got up to pay the checks.

We walked by the same un-bused tables with the same food on them that had been there when we entered 2 hours earlier.

I'm not one to leave a restaurant table with no tip upon it because I've been there, yet a 20-25% tip that had been so kindly added to each of our checks wasn't rightfully deserved.

If our server had shown any enthusiasm or interest in our well-being or hunger while we "dined" at Captain Sea's I would have left the affixed amount, yet that dinner I had just sat through was one of the most unappetizing, drawn out, and downright annoying experiences I've ever had.

We requested the owner's name and number, and the manager's name that was on duty that night. Our party continued to pay the checks, refusing to acknowledge the attached gratuity, while I took the 3 year old to the restroom to wash up.

My boyfriend grabbed my purse from under my seat and I met him at his car, not knowing at the time that my keys remained on the table.

Later that night, as I searched for my car keys, I realized the horrible truth. My keys were left in the hands of those who had "served" us earlier.

I raced to the restaurant only to find the restaurant closed. I tossed and turned all night, freighting over these keys.

The apartment complex that I live in charges for lost bedroom and apartment keys and a hefty fee for an unreturned electric clubhouse key.

As of now, I have called twice and stopped by in person once to Captain Sea's Seafood Restaurant.

Everyone I have spoken too casually brushed me off as if they cared less, except the hostess I left my name and number with when I showed up in person on Sunday afternoon.

All 9 adults that accompanied me on that Saturday night can bare witness to the fact that my keys were used as an entertainment device for the two children who tried their best to patiently wait for their food.

We all saw the keys lying on the table. Would they actually get rid of my keys?

Believe me, I searched high and low, retraced every step, because I honestly didn't believe that someone would actually throw a customer's keys away. The keys are still nowhere to be found. It's unlikely that I will ever see my keys again, and will eventually just have to swallow the fact that I must pay for the lost keys. But I still deserve to know, Captain Sea's, WHERE ARE MY KEYS?

props and drops

The Rotunda would like to encourage anyone and everyone to submit props and drops to rotunda@longwood.edu

Props:

- + To The Bakery.
- + To a very special girl in England.
- + To your first credit card.
- + To Officers Daryl and Tommy.
- + To Longwood women's rugby.

Drops:

- To senior class officers who skip Convocation.
- To the Cafe for only one working register, and shards of glass in the pizza.
- To misplaced ash trays.
- To Wal-Mart for not excepting starter checks,
- To poor attitude in the administration.

Speak Out

We said, "Parking." You said:



I think that the University has increased the size and number of it's buildings, without increasing parking to accomodate the staff and students.

-Gracey Marbella



I don't like the fact that I'm a junior and sometimes sophomores get to park closer to me.

-Jim Perkins



I think Longwood needs more Junior/Senior spots. There's more sophomore space than anything, and that's not fair at all.

-Kristin English



Parking sucks.

-David Ellis

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Governor Warner, Universities Move Forward on Commonwealth College Course Collaborative

Virginia Students Could Earn Up To 13 Credit Hours Before College

Shawn Garrett
News Editor

High school seniors may have something extra to put on their college applications as early as next year. Governor Warner yesterday, along with representatives of nearly every public and private four-year institution in Virginia, signed a series of compacts that will allow high school seniors across the state to get a full semester of college credit before graduation.

President Cormier was on hand as Longwood's representative at the signing between the Commonwealth and 63 public and private, two- and four-year colleges and universities at Virginia Union University's L. Douglas Wilder Library.

The compacts are part of the Commonwealth College Course Collaborative (CCCC) initiative of Virginia's Education For a Lifetime program.

Under the CCCC initiative, eligible high school seniors can complete their high school diploma and concurrently earn a semester's worth of credits that can be used toward a college

degree. These students would receive special recognition in college applications as "Early College Scholars."

With CCCC, eligible high school seniors can earn at least 13 college credit hours in General Biology, General Psychology, U.S. History I and U.S. History 2.

"I think it's a great program," said LU's Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs Wayne McWee. "I think it will allow students to expand their interests in college and focus more on their major." When asked if he thought essentially granting freshman their first fall semester before their high school graduation would negatively impact their freshman year, McWee said no.

"It's unlikely a student would cut their freshman year short and leave a semester early," said McWee. If anything, Mr. McWee was confident that such a leg up would allow students to expand their horizons beyond what is usually possible in four years and focus more in-depth on the subjects that interest them.

According to the office of the Governor, only one in five Virginia high school seniors takes a dual-enrollment, college-level class, and about three-quarters of high schools offer some type of Advanced Placement (AP) courses.

The student's level of understanding is determined by a final exam, the score of which can be converted, at the college's discretion, into college credit. However, very few schools allow seniors to earn up to a full semester of credit.

The proposed effect of the program is twofold. In addition to the competitive edge students are expected to gain from having a full semester of college under their belt before they graduate high school, the ability to complete a bachelors degree in seven semesters and not eight is expected to save the average student \$5000 in tuition costs.

Under the Governor's initiative, a Virtual Advanced Placement School will provide Virginia high school students with access to a broader range of AP courses via existing distance-learning networks, regardless of where the student lives.

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tion must submit a constitution outlining its specific purpose, mission and method of governance. After a constitution is approved, the organization may then request funds from the SGA by creating a budget which outlines how much money is needed and for what purpose. A meeting time with the SGA Finance Committee is then scheduled. It is here that many groups find the most difficulty.

"The Committee will ask you to effectively defend your requests," said Miller. "When your group name is called, you will come up and be asked a series of questions about your budget."

It is during this hearing that SGA scrutinizes specific requests made by the organization. Many students describe the process as tedious and inherently not in their favor. According to Miller, this could not be further from the truth.

"Even the most excellent budgets get many questions and often cuts," Miller said, but the process ensures that the organization representatives are given a fair chance to explain their requirements. Miller did mention certain requests, however, that will not be considered. "We do not buy

gifts, we do not buy alcohol, we will not send you to exotic locales."

If an organization's budget is passed successfully, its application then moves on to the senate for a pass or veto. Both Miller and Alicia Moody, SGA president, have a veto power.

"We've really made an effort to streamline the procedure," said Miller. "If everything is in order, there is no reason a group couldn't be approved in as little as two weeks [should neither the president nor he veto any aspect of the budget]."

During the Q and A session, Miller also explained that if a group goes over budget, the SGA reserves the right to freeze their account. In addition, if a group proceeds to spend money before a formal budget has been passed and their organization approved, SGA will deny them funds to cover what they spent.

SGA's new website, luconnect.com, is also expected to help SGA-student interactions. The site currently only contains a "Goal and Commitments" page and ways to contact SGA, though more information is planned. With a username and a password, students can buy and sell books and offer/find rides.

SGA is confident, marking a turning point for Longwood's student government and its relations with students.

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tudent Handbook.

"The last thing we want is for our students to go to judicial board," said Redford. "We are here to help and keep the network and the university running smoothly. We know that students don't know that their computers are infected. This is why we are doing the warning first."

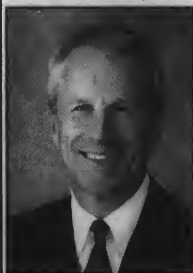
Roughly 150 students have received a warning already. RTA's are busy fixing their computers and educating them on how to run updates. Redford assures that the RTA's are doing all they can. "We train the RTA's every semester. The beginning of the fall semester is always really hectic for them. They are working to get everyone back on the network as soon as possible," stated Redford.

Frazier RTA Lori Ashmore says the biggest challenge this fall is the time it takes to fix student computers. "Many students think they are updating their computer correctly. But they are not and it takes over an hour to fix just one computer. Often we can only fix five computers in a night," stated Ashmore.

To help students protect their computer and Longwood's network, the help desk recommends that students run antivirus software and keep it up to date, set a strong administrator password and keep their computer free of spyware. "Students should utilize the Help Desk website and update their computer before it gets extremely infected and they are desperate for an RTA," said Ashmore. "But we don't mind helping anyone who has questions."

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Hurricane Ivan Takes Aim at Mobile, Alabama

Gary Mitchell
Associated Press

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) -- Hurricane Ivan and its 135-mph winds churned toward this historic port city with frightening intensity Wednesday as the storm began its assault on the Gulf Coast, lashing the region with heavy rain and ferocious wind, spawning monster waves that toppled beach houses and spinning off deadly tornadoes.

The storm was expected to make landfall early Thursday near Mobile and could swamp the coastline with a 16-foot storm surge and up to 15 inches of rain. Ivan offered a daylong preview of its destruction as it took aim at the coast: Sheets of rain across the region, a series of tornadoes, and escalating winds that shredded signs, knocked out power and made traffic lights and oak trees whipsaw.

"We have never seen a hurricane of this size come into Alabama," Gov. Bob Riley said.

In the Florida Panhandle near Panama City, tornadoes produced by the storm killed two people and trapped others in the rubble of their damaged homes. Several people were injured and more than 70 homes were damaged.

"We have a report from a deputy that it looks like a war zone," said sheriff's spokeswoman Ruth Sasser.

Hurricane-force winds extended out 105 miles from the Category 4 storm, threatening widespread damage no matter where it strikes.

After reaching land, Ivan threatened to stall over the Southeast and southern Appalachians, with a potential for as much as 20 inches of rain.

At 8 p.m. EDT Wednesday, Ivan was centered about 105 miles south of the Alabama coast and was moving north at

14 mph. The storm, which plowed through the Caribbean, has now killed at least 70 people in all.

Ivan's waves - some up to 25 feet - were already destroying homes along the Florida coast Wednesday.

Twelve-foot waves boomed ashore at Gulf Shores, Ala., eroding the beach. A buoy

from New York. This is my first one. Terrorists scare me but not a hurricane."

As the storm drew near, streets along Mississippi's Gulf Coast were all but deserted, and miles of homes and businesses, including its 12 floating casinos, were boarded up. Only patrol cars and an occasional luggage-packed car or van could be seen

Police began clearing people off the streets, enforcing a 2 p.m. curfew.

"I think it's safe to say we will have flooding in this city," said Mayor Ray Nagin. However, he contradicted a statement from his emergency preparedness director that the city needed at least 10,000 body bags to handle possible drowning victims.

Rick Pfeifer, a salesman from Washougal, Wash., was stuck in New Orleans with no flights out and no cars to rent after arriving earlier this week for a National Safety Congress convention.

His storm rations included as many chips, pretzels and bottled water as he could buy.

"I'm going to ride it out in the high-ground area of the city," he

said wryly. "Fourth floor in a good hotel, with a good bar."

Frail, elderly and sick residents unable to get out were moved to the 72,000-seat Louisiana Superdome, where 200 cots in upper-deck concourses supplanted the dome's usual tenant, the New Orleans Saints.

LuLinda Williams wept after dropping off her bedridden grandmother, who is on oxygen, at the Superdome. Only one family member was allowed to stay with each patient, so Williams left her daughter.

"I thought they'd let the family stay with them," Williams said.

"Where are the rest of us supposed to go now? How are we supposed to know she's OK?"

Nagin later said the dome would also be opened as a one-night last resort for able-bodied storm refugees. The last time that happened during Hurricane Georges in 1998, the 14,000 refugees nearly did more damage than the storm itself. Countless televisions, seat cushions and bar stools were stolen, and workers spent months cleaning graffiti off the walls.

Winds howled across Louisiana's bayous with enough force to topple trees and knock out power.

"We heard a loud pop, and I thought, not already," said Harold Plaisance, who had been sitting on the porch watching the storm in the fishing village of Lafitte.



Ashley Jimenez watches as the weather conditions deteriorate in the home where she and her family plan to ride out the storm Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2004 in Mobile, Ala. Hurricane Ivan is slated to make landfall in the area early Thursday morning.

(AP Photo/Joe Cavaretta)

about 300 miles south of Panama City registered waves over 34 feet high.

In Mobile, majestic oaks that line the streets swayed in gusting winds as the city of some 200,000 braced for a hurricane expected to be even more destructive than Frederic, which killed five people 25 years ago.

At least 11,000 people crowded into 95 shelters across Alabama, and thousands more went to homes of relatives and friends.

One potential target of Ivan is the tiny town of Hurricane, Ala., where the storm surge could be the highest.

Mobile bar owner Lori Hunter said her business would remain closed "until the landlord takes the boards down off the windows."

"We're staying," she said. "I'm

passing Gulfport's "Welcome to the Gulf Coast" billboard.

New Orleans scrambled to get people out of harm's way, putting the frail and elderly in the cavernous Louisiana Superdome and urging others to move to higher floors in tall buildings.

An 11th-hour turn may have spared the bowl-shaped city a direct hit, but the sheer size of the storm could create catastrophic flooding in New Orleans.

Officials warned that the levees and pumping stations that normally hold back the water may not be enough to protect the below-sea-level city.

"If we turn up dead tomorrow, it's my fault," said Jane Allinder, who stayed stubbornly behind at her daughter's French Quarter doll shop to keep an eye on her cat.

Of the roughly 2 million who fled the path of the storm, often in bumper-to-bumper caravans on highways turned into one-way evacuation routes, 1.2 million were from greater New Orleans. A cancer patient and an 80-year-old nursing home resident died after they evacuated and were caught in hours-long traffic jams.

Thousands of tourists were believed stranded in New Orleans, along with 100,000 mostly inner-city residents without cars.

The mayor advised them to resort to "vertical evacuations," suggesting they take shelter in buildings taller than two stories. If that is not possible, he said, they should go into an attic and take equipment with them that would let allow them to cut through the roof and get out.

Calendar

September 17-23, 2004

Friday the 17th

Family Weekend!
Comedian Vic Henly
9:00 p.m.
Lankford Ballroom



Tuesday the 21st

*Resume Reviews,
Career Center
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Rooms TBA
NVR Ryan Homes
(must schedule)

Finding an
Internship
4:00 p.m.
Career Center
Library

Saturday the 18th

Family Weekend!
Illusionist Mike Super
8:00 p.m.
Jarman Auditorium

Field Hockey Game
1:00 p.m.
Barlow Field

Wednesday the 22nd

Take a Buffett Break
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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Sunday the 19th

WMLU Meeting
9:00 p.m.
Hiner Auditorium

Thursday the 23rd

Graduate &
Professional School
Admissions
7:00 p.m.
Career Center Library

Monday the 20th

What Employers
Expect from Students
7:00 p.m.
Hiner 109
NVR Ryan Homes

* Indicates that the workshops,
resume reviews or mock inter-
views are facilitated by employers.

Unity Alliance:

Where you belong

Check it out:

Thursday

7:30 p.m. in the

Amelia Room

LCVA Lecture:
An Exploration of Medieval
Illuminated Manuscripts
with Dr. Joan Mc Rae

Thursday 23rd, 12:30 p.m.
Lankford Student Union
Room A

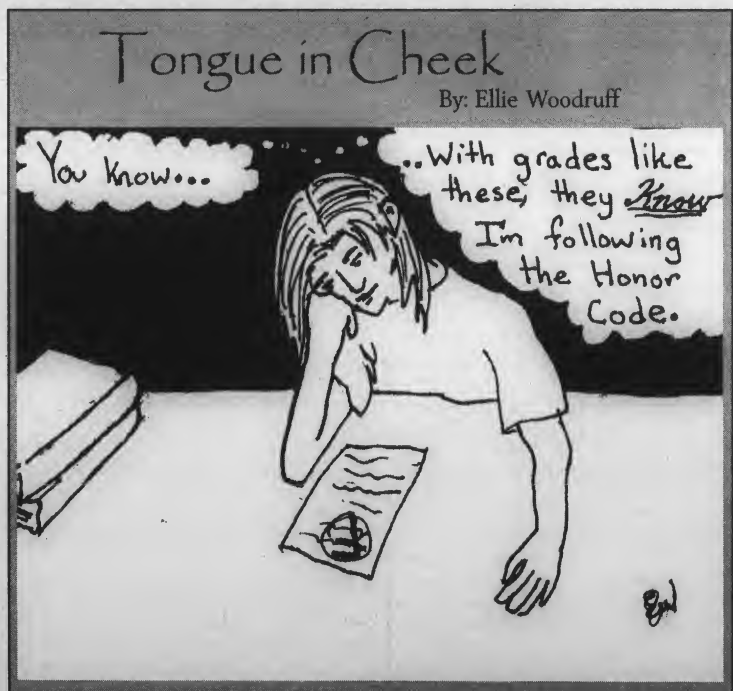
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Blast From the Past - WUTA: Back on Track?

WMLU's predecessor pushed for higher wattage, more interest, bigger audiences

Jeff Abernathy
1983 Managing Editor

"This is WUTA - Longwood College - 90.1 on your FM dial." The DJ's voice is smooth and rich as he speaks into the microphone which is center stage for a small, cube-like room.

He is at once confident and interested, comfortable and soothing while speaking to no one in particular save his strange black ball jutting out over a mass of equipment.

He occasionally wonders if there is anyone "out there, but he maintains his composure. Not knowing if anyone is tuned into the station is a frequent worry of Longwood disc jockeys - a small and highly individualistic group - but there is always hope that some friends are listening in, if no one else. Still it is with a slight sigh of relief that he answers the phone for a request.

Faced with poor funding and a small group of supporters, the Longwood Radio Association has been plagued with inoperative periods throughout the current semester.

The longest lasted nearly four weeks, beginning when then station's transformer broke down in late October. Upon returning to school in August, Radio Association members could not begin to broadcast until new needles were bought for the station's two turntables because the old needles had been damaged over the summer. Such problems have been typical in WUTA's four-year history.

Current vice-president Jamie Mereness notes that the station "lost a lot of credibility when we went off the air."

Due to the small size of WUTA and other college stations, they are often overlooked by the industry. "If you're a 10

watt station, you're basically ignored in the music business," Mereness said. This means that promotional albums and singles are rarely recieved from record companies. The station does have a relatively small collection of records, but for the most part disc jockeys use their own albums and tapes.

During the 1982-83 school year, WUTA purchased two new turntables, a reel-to-reel tape deck, and a cassette tape deck in addition to remodeling the studio.

This year plans were made to purchase a new mixer at a cost of approximately \$3,000. The mixer in use is over thirty years old and inadequate for the station's needs.

When members returned this semester, however, they found they had only \$300 left from last year to operate on for the '83-'84 school year. No representative of the Association had applied in

March to the Student Activities Committee for funding and no money was allocated for the radio station this year. All of the remaining funds have been spent and the Association is now applying for surplus funds.

In recent weeks WUTA has experienced a rise in its listening audience, which is documented with a growing number of requests being phoned in nightly. However, President Jay Carey still feels the station is "suffering from obscurity. I think that people don't know the potential we have. Until they do, we're still the lowly ten watt station that nobody knows about, despite all the hard working members."

The "five-year plan" for WUTA may be a boost to 100 watts and stereo. Currently mono at ten watts, the station's signal is weak in comparison to that of the 100-watt station at the University of Richmond. New equipment is needed, and Association members are anxious to work such expenses into their budget.

At present, smaller problems are being dealt with, such as the station's interference with Richmond's TV channel six (WWBT). When both Farmville station WFLO and WUTA are

in operation, reception of channel six has been poor across campus as well as in Farmville.

Interference between the two stations has created a jamming signal in the past, but WUTA solved the problem last week. Reception of WWBT is now free of interference.

To solve WUTA's financial difficulties, a meeting has been set up with Vice-President for Student Affairs, Phyllis Mable, to discuss the station's function on campus and the need for funding. In addition, Association members "are striving to create a fair and well balanced format...for the Longwood student body," said Mereness.

"I think we need to be more in touch with the students...we want to have a good, professional operation," added station treasurer, Brad Schwartz.

After playing a request, one DJ gives the Selective Service a spot, while another sings "America the Beautiful" in the background. "It's quick, it's easy, and it's the law."

They finish the ad, crank the Beatles' "Revolution" and get ready for the next song.

This article is from the December 6, 1983 edition of The Rotunda.

There's a New Bakery in Town

Local Couple Decides to Open up Bakery to Appease Foreign Tastes

Leslie Smith
Style Editor

When Philip Fenaux and his wife Synthia decided to open The Bakery in Farmville, it was something they had thought about doing for a very long time.

They lived in the Farmville area for 12+ years before starting up their store.

They had bought all of their bread in Charlottesville previous to this, because of their love of European bread.

Philip had grown up and lived in Belgium for many years, while Synthia had lived in Italy for several years.

Now all they have to do is look to their own kitchen for all of the wonderful handmade bread and pastries they could want.

Their imported cheeses include Brie, Swiss, Vermont

Cheddar, etc.

They stocked their shelves with many foods, candies, cookies, jams, etc., that they themselves enjoy eating.

They are eager to reach out to the new influx of students who have returned to school this fall.

When they started their bakery earlier this year in May, they were not sure what to expect, but they have been pleasantly surprised and grateful for the large community of people who love their crusty breads and croissants.

They have started to consider putting student art up on the walls of their bare red walls, and preparing packaged sandwich and soda

meals.

So, if you crave the occasional European continental breakfast (instead of old, tough, bagels), or a french bread sandwich every once and a while, head down to The Bakery for a new and interesting treat.

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fresh European pastries?

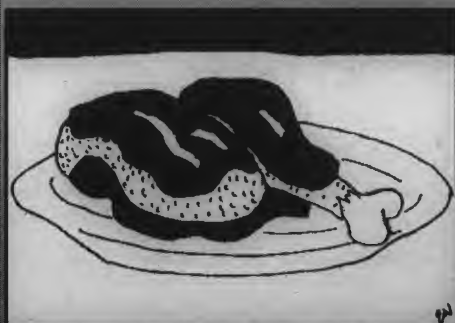
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Foot in Mouth

by Ellie Woodruff



Dining Hall Fast Food:
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New Director Seeks to Inspire Life-Long Leadership

Ashley Dow
Staff Writer

As a freshman at the University of Rhode Island, Kerstin Soderlund never imagined she would spend the rest of her life at college.

It was the encouragement from student affairs personnel at Rhode Island and her desire to help students adjust to college life that her to chose a career that kept her in higher education.

This past July, Soderlund became the Director of Leadership and New Student Programs here at Longwood University.

She brings with her a wealth of experience, having previously served as the Director of Leadership Development at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Connecticut where she created new leadership programs and improved the new student orientation program.

Though happy in her job at

Quinnipiac, Soderlund wanted to be at a university more focused on developing leaders. Longwood fit this description perfectly.

"A colleague of mine in Connecticut had graduated from Longwood and never had an unkind word to say about the school," said Soderlund. "I was attracted to the university's mission and its focus on leadership and student orientation."

Moving to Farmville also brings Soderlund closer to her family in Charlottesville.

Soderlund believes Longwood is unique in the way leadership programs are peer driven.

"Through opportunities such as Student Educators for Active Leadership, those students involved have a tremendous opportunity to contribute to the

Longwood community," expressed Soderlund. "Students creating and encouraging a leadership opportunity for their peers is a wonderful thing."

Often with a new director comes change. Yet, Soderlund

Conference, and other programs through our office," said Soderlund. "I then want to see how we can help them continue to develop their leadership skills after the programs have ended."

Soderlund says her biggest challenge is trying to reach those students who have leadership potential but just need a little encouragement.

To reach those students, Soderlund hopes to collaborate with other organizations conducting leadership programs throughout the year.

"We are looking for ways to extend the freshman experience beyond New Lancers Days, Preview, and Longwood Seminar," stated Soderlund.

"We want to help all organizations develop strong leaders and continue the tradition of leadership all four years and ultimately throughout life."

In the spirit of promoting citizen leadership, Soderlund encourages all students to get involved.

If not through her office, through organizations which interest them.

"Students should think about all of their past experiences and current talents and reach out to organizations where they match," said Soderlund. "I want people to come to my office and bring ideas on how to promote leadership. One of the most important things is to hear the student voice and what they need to be a more complete and effective leader."

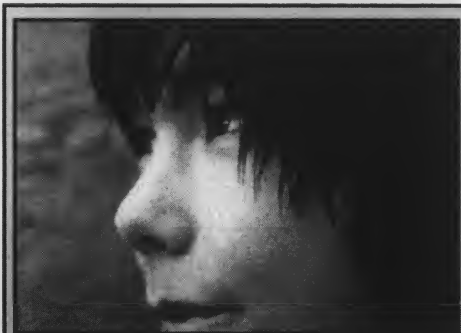
The office of Leadership and New Student Programs will sponsor Citizen Leader Day on September 25th.

The theme "Taking Action, Getting Results" will help students encourage others to take on leadership roles and make their organizations and themselves a greater asset to the Longwood Community. Students who are interested in participating can call x2414 for more information.

"Students creating and encouraging a leadership opportunity for their peers is a wonderful thing," said Soderlund.

wants to assess current leadership and new student programs and discover how students connect their leadership experiences throughout their college career.

"I hope to determine what type of student attends the New Student Leadership Program, Mountain Lake Leadership



CD Review: Bjork's 'Medulla' more 'ooh, ahh' than 'boo, hiss'

Jon Schublin
U-Wire

It takes guts to admit you like Bjork.

The Icelandic singer has risen to an unequalled level of infamy among experimental musicians.

Your grandmother has heard of Bjork, and so has your downstairs neighbor. Chances are they don't like her either.

Her escapades, from eating a dress on the set of her film

"Dancer in the Dark" (2000) to wearing a swan wrapped around her neck at the 2001 Oscars, have branded her a kook.

Recent albums have brought her further and further away from early solo hits like "Human Behavior" and "It's Oh So Quiet."

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Longwood Students Discover Remnants of Thomas Jefferson

Archeology students make publishable find

Janet Jones
Copy Editor

No, not really Thomas Jefferson himself. But now that I have your attention you should read the story anyway.

Last year, students from Longwood went on an archeological field project in Buckingham County and found the remains of one of two courthouses that Thomas Jefferson designed.

Finding an old courthouse may not seem remarkable at first, but I spoke with Dr. Bates and he explained the immense importance that this discovery holds.

In 1821, Buckingham County officials contacted Thomas Jefferson, asking him if he would be interested in contributing his brilliant design on a new courthouse building. He agreed and

went to work.

This would have been a pleasant ending with great historical heritage, but in 1869 this courthouse burned to the ground and after a new one was constructed in 1873, little was spoken of Jefferson's courthouse.

It was always speculated that remnants from Jefferson's courthouse remained but this idea was largely ignored, primarily because no one recognized the potential research question.

Dr. Bates and a group of students at Longwood University decided to investigate and, on February 1st 2003, set out on a mission.

The point of this mission was to find out about Jefferson's designs, something that has been discussed by laymen and scholars for years.

After searching, these students found evidence around and beneath the courthouse.

They discovered that the new courthouse, which was rebuilt on Thomas Jefferson's foundation, was 25 to 30% larger and was a much grander structure.

As a result of their efforts, Dr. Bates was asked to present this at the Society for American Archeology in Montreal.

Upon doing so, the editor from the Smithsonian showed interest in writing a story about his findings, which should be coming out in the next few weeks.

Dr. Bates said the most significant part of the project was that, "Students at Longwood engaged in, literally and figuratively, ground breaking research on a subject dealing with a prominent figure in our national heritage."

BJORK can't p.8

Her appearance at the opening ceremonies of the Olympics, where her cavernous dress was unfurled until it eventually covered all athletes, only cemented her eccentric image.

The basic reasoning goes something like this: Bjork equals bizarre and if you listen to her, you must also be strange.

The release of her latest album, "Medulla," is the perfect time to evaluate this mindset.

Is Iceland's most famous singer a cultural freak-show or relevant artist? Initial impressions of the album don't allay any fears that it'll be a strange listening experience.

The album is almost entirely a cappella. There is one track in Icelandic, and three others sung in gibberish.

The cover shows Bjork's face partially obscured by a mask made completely out of hair.

The songs themselves are often bumpy rides.

"Oooohhs" and "ahhhhs" appear where you might expect a drum beat or bass note; the human voice is sometimes stretched to the breaking point.

The people that Bjork brings in to flesh out this symphony of the mouth - Mike Patton of Faith No More; Razhel of the Roots; socialist rocker Robert Wyatt; throat singers, the London Community Choir -- do not bring conventional voices along with them.

But despite the oddities, it's clear on the first listen (and even more so on the second, third, and fourth) that "Medulla" is a cohesive and rewarding album.

What keeps this record together and has laid the foundation for Bjork's entire career is her sense of discipline.

The strange noises are there in service of the songs themselves, not simply to showcase technical mastery.

It's one thing to make an album completely out of vocal effects; it's another for it to be listenable.

Take the first single "Oceania." As performed at the Olympics, it all seemed a bit directionless (an excuse for the elaborate costume, maybe). Listening at home, one

notices the song's strengths.

Although there is no chorus, the end of every verse is held out for a moment of a cappella.

It's an unusual hook, but an effective one nonetheless.

A digitally manipulated barrage of voices moves up and down scales and between channels -- it's like a school of fish swimming around the main vocal track.

There are several songs here that maintain a predictable verse/chorus/verse format.

They were a wise decision, because these more conventional songs help anchor the record.

The wordless cooing at the beginning and end of the opening track, "Pleasure is All Mine," sounds more distinctive when placed within a traditional pop structure.

It all leads up to "Who Is It?" perhaps Bjork's finest song yet.

Her life-affirming outlook is in full force here.

"Ask yourself carefully, now patiently/ who is it who never lets you down?" she sings.

There are vocal parts that approximate an entire band, from drums to keyboard to bass and even clicking noises.

Best of all is the uncluttered arrangement, keeping the focus right where it should be: the voice.

And Razhel has a beatbox solo.

For the uninitiated, "Medulla" has several more difficult tracks that could divide listeners.

"Show Me Forgiveness" is a single-tracked vocal, while "Oll Birtan" is a collage of notes and beats that rise and fall.

While each of these may be interesting, they collectively drain a part of the album's charm.

Bjork is at her best when she takes strange, alien elements, and combines them into a wholly accessible work.

Three-quarters of "Medulla" gets this formula exactly right.

It's like nothing you ever heard before, but you can play it for friends and they won't find you strange.



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Women's Golf

Sports Information

Longwood University finished in third-place at the Draper Valley Intercollegiate after the second round was washed out on Tuesday. The Lancers shot a score of 303 to earn the finish, while Murray State took home top team honors shooting a 291 and was followed in second-place by Marshall, who finished with a 302. Longwood will be back in action September 25-26 when they participate in the Elon Intercollegiate in Sunset Beach, N.C..

Longwood was led by seniors Tiffany Woodyer and Amanda Diamond, who both finished shooting a 73. Junior Stephanie Hicks followed with a 77, while junior Tucker McCarthy and freshman Petra Nystrom shot an 80 and 83, respectively, to round out the scores for the Lancers.

Top 3 Team Results

1. Murray State 291
2. Marshall 302
3. Longwood University 303

Men's Basketball Online Push

Internet Technology Aids Athletic Programs

Kyle Martin
Staff Writer

Parents, friends, alum, and potential recruits can follow Longwood's athletic programs by using the internet now. With the move to Division I status, Longwood University is finding ways to use technology to help the competition of the athletic programs. Assistant Athletic Director/Development Mike Mitchell says, "The one thing about the internet is that you are getting out to a worldwide audience." Last year, both the men's and women's basketball games were broadcast online.

Women's basketball head coach Shirley Duncan recognizes the benefits of internet broadcasting. "In terms of the overall program, it favors publicity and marketability. We have to increase the level of our program," Duncan said. With increased publicity, a critical concern is the added pressure on players to perform. Forward

Catherine Dunn, a senior, does not see the increased exposure as a problem. "It doesn't make me nervous. You have to focus on the game and play the game. It makes you feel good about yourself and the team to know that you are a priority to the school. It makes you proud." Dunn said.

As the amount of technology for Longwood University's athletic programs increase, interaction opportunities for fans also arise. Mike Gillian, the men's basketball head coach, says, "It opens up all types of avenues including interviews and coaches' shows. All of that stuff promotes the basketball program, athletic programs, and the school."

Currently, the internet broadcasts allow for streaming audio, but future enhancements may be possible. "The opportunity for a new level of coverage is video streaming," Mitchell said. The option to expand the amount of sports broadcasts, however, does face many obstacles. Director of

Athletics, Rick Mazzuto, says, "Greater local interest will create a chance to do more games and if there's more interest in the student radio station to get it done. Part of it, is the logistics to get it done. A lot of universities usually rely on student stations and not commercial stations. There are costs to broadcast, but it's really getting broadcast entities to get interested in our product." Longwood's drive to Division I accreditation will increase the availability of its sports coverage worldwide.

Weekly Trivia

Who is the only Lancer currently playing in MLB?

Answer next week

If you would like to submit a trivia question send an email to rotunda@longwood.edu subject "Trivia" with your question, answer and name(if desired).

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Men's Soccer
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saves
Women's Soccer *

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Softball Opens School Year Hosting a Trio of Division I Teams

Patrick Sullivan
Sports Editor

Longwood Softball will kick off their first game of the school year this Saturday at Lancer Field in an explosive fashion.

The Lancers will host a tournament consisting of themselves and three Division I teams, Liberty, Campbell, and Hampton.

Campbell is the only team the Lancers did not face last season, winning both of their games against Hampton and finishing two and one against Liberty.

The unfamiliarity with Campbell is one of the concerns facing head coach Nancy Riley who is entering her eighth year of leading Longwood softball.

However, Riley believes that her team is extremely capable of coming out of Saturday victorious, but admits that anything is possible.

One thing she is sure of is that through durability and depth the softball team can eas-

ily handle the tournament's strenuous workload.

As Longwood's athletics continues the trek toward Division I status, impressive performances in tournaments such as this could issue a stark warning to future opponents that Longwood softball is no pushover.

Riley predicts a smooth transition and wouldn't be shocked if the Lancers were serious competitors within two or three years of Longwood's changing status.

One reason for Riley's confidence is an impressive collection of new faces consisting of six freshmen and one transfer student, adding to an already strong core Bealeton native and freshman Ryan Washington, who Riley says, "her athleticism makes her look to be a person who will be an impact" may become a

starter in her first year.

Freshman pitcher Brittany DeLaCruz, who recorded 15 shut-outs her senior year, could pair with fellow freshman pitcher Rachel Mills to be relied on heavily in their first year.

They will join the Lancers' only returning pitcher senior Jennifer Steele who appeared in over thirty games last season and is equally as impressive at the plate.

Also returning are offensive

threats junior Shama Washington who led the team in nearly every offensive category and senior speedster Alishia Stewart whose thirteen stolen bases was more than any other Lancer.

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NFL Update: Week 1

Patrick Sullivan
Sports Editor

One week ago today the NFL began what will undoubtedly be another great season of football. The season officially kicked off with Payton Manning failing to obtain his first win ever in Foxboro as the Patriots continue their winning ways against the Colts. Hurricanes in Florida forced the Titans to move up their trouncing of the Ricky Williams-less Dolphins.

One of the great things about the NFL is the teams' ability to improve from one season to the next and the Browns did just that by holding Jamal Lewis, who ran for over 500 yards last year against Cleveland, and the Ravens to just 3 points and 89 rushing yards. Detroit also managed to turn themselves around, ending a 24-game road losing streak against the habitually hibernating Bears.

The Rams still have their high-powered offensive machine but appeared to have a few screws loose, barely coming away with a win against the lowly Cardinals. The Eagles offense, however, may have finally found that Super Bowl piece in Terrell Owens as they cruise past the Giants, their divisional rivals. In San Diego, Drew Brees and LaDainian Tomlinson are creating their own machine after a come-from-behind victory against the Texans.

Had the Cowboys defense

been able to hold Duane Culpepper, Keyshawn Johnson's painful receptions might have been worth more than highlight fodder. The Seahawks' defense, on the other hand, was successful in holding the Saints in a Seattle win.

The week had its share of nail biters, as the Jaguars were able to overcome the Bills with a last second bomb from Byron Leftwich. Just as exciting was the failed two-point conversion that would have kept the 49ers alive against Michael Vick and the Falcons.

In the Saturday night matchup Broncos' fans won't be missing Clinton Portis after Quentin Griffin's explosive performance in their defeat of the Chiefs. Portis was equally explosive against Tampa Bay as Joe Gibbs' first game back with the Redskins resulted in a victory. The next night Brett Favre's Packers stuffed the Super Bowl's runner up, the Panthers.

Player of the Week: Although one of the most consistent running backs in NFL history Curtis Martin has never been given the credit he deserves even after his 196 yard rushing, two touchdown performance lifting his Jets above the Bengals.

Game of the Week: Even after blowing an eleven-point lead in the fourth quarter, the Steelers were still able to pull one out against the Raiders in a true nail-biter.

NHL To Lock Out Players On Thursday

Ronald Blum
AP Sports Writer

The National Hockey League is locking out its players starting Thursday, threatening to keep the sport off the ice for the entire 2004-05 season and perhaps beyond in an effort by management to gain massive change in the sport's economic structure.

After the long-expected decision was approved unanimously Wednesday by NHL owners, commissioner Gary Bettman repeatedly belittled the union's bargaining position,

"I think it's pretty fair to say that we're at an impasse right now, and my guess is that we've probably been at impasse for months, if not a year," NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said

talked about the possibility the confrontation could extend into the 2005-06 season and said the conflict has jeopardized the NHL's participation in the 2006 Winter Olympics.

"If there's enough time to play some games, we'll do it," he said of this season, "and if there's not, we won't."

Bettman called it a "bleak day," claimed teams had combined to lose more than \$1.8 billion over 10 years and cited bankruptcy filings by teams in Buffalo, Los Angeles, Ottawa and Pittsburgh. He said management will not agree to a labor deal that doesn't include a defined relationship between revenue and salaries.

"Until he gets off the salary-cap issue, there's not a chance for us to get an agreement," union head Bob Goodenow said in Toronto, adding that players "are not prepared to entertain a salary cap in any way, shape, measure or form."

Far apart on both philosophy and finances, the sides haven't bargained since last Thursday and say they are entrenched for the long run, echoing words of baseball players and owners at the start of their 7 1/2-month labor war of 1994-95.

There is almost no chance the season will start as scheduled on Oct. 13, and Bettman told teams to release their arenas for other events for the next 30 days. Bettman said the season can't extend past June, and the lockout threatens to wipe out the Stanley

Cup final for the first time since 1919, when the series between Montreal and Seattle was stopped after five games due a Spanish influenza epidemic.

"The union is trying to win a fight, hoping that the owners will give up. That will turn out to be a terrible error in judgment," Bettman said. "They are apparently convinced that come some point in the season, the owners' resolve will waver, and I'm telling you that is wrong, wrong, wrong."

would lose less money during a lockout than they would if play continued.

"It is a sad day for all of us," Montreal owner George Gillett said.

The 30 teams - 24 in the United States and six in Canada - had been set to start opening training camps on Thursday, the day after the expiration of the current labor contract. The deal was first agreed to in 1995 and extended two years later through Sept. 15, 2004.

Bettman termed the extension "a mistake, in hindsight."

"It of kind stinks, packing up and moving out of here," Philadelphia

NHL management claims teams combined to lose \$273 million in 2002-03 and \$224 million last season. Bettman said the union's proposals would do little for owners, and said the six offers rejected by the union would lower the average player salary from \$1.8 million to \$1.3 million.

Goodenow said players had offered more than \$100 million in annual concessions.

"The notion that we don't have competitive balance is absurd," said Vancouver center Trevor Linden, the union's president.

Bettman made clear that declaring an impasse under U.S. labor law and imposing new work rules unilaterally was an option, but said it had not yet been considered.

"I think it's pretty fair to say that we're at an impasse right now, and my guess is that we've probably been at impasse for months, if not a year," he said. "At some point when we're at impasse, we could simply say, 'We're going to open and here are the terms and conditions. Let's go.' It's that simple."

Goodenow said attempting to impose terms would be a "very, very ill-advised strategy" and predicted "the results of it could be catastrophic." Bettman said the use of replacement players is not under consideration.

Owners have contributed \$300 million to a league fund to help get them through a lockout, and the union has retained licensing money to help its members. Bettman said about 20 teams

right wing Tony Amonte said at his team's practice rink. "I can't say they weren't preparing us for it."

Some players are expected to sign with European leagues, and others could join a six-team, four-on-four circuit called the Original Stars Hockey League, which is set to start play Friday in Barrie, Ontario. Others could go to a revived World Hockey Association, which plans to open Oct. 29 with eight teams playing 76 games apiece.

Bettman said more than 100 employees from the NHL's central staff of about 225 will be terminated, most on Sept. 20.

The stoppage is the first for a North American major league since the 1997-98 NBA lockout canceled 464 games, cutting each club's regular-season schedule from 82 games to 50.

It is the third stoppage for the NHL following a 10-day strike in 1992 that caused the postponement of 30 games and a 103-day lockout in 1994-95 that eliminated 468 games, cutting each team's regular-season schedule from 84 games to 48. That lockout ended on Jan. 11, five days before the deadline set by Bettman to scuttle the season.

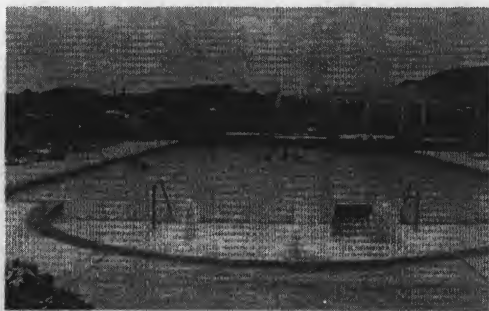
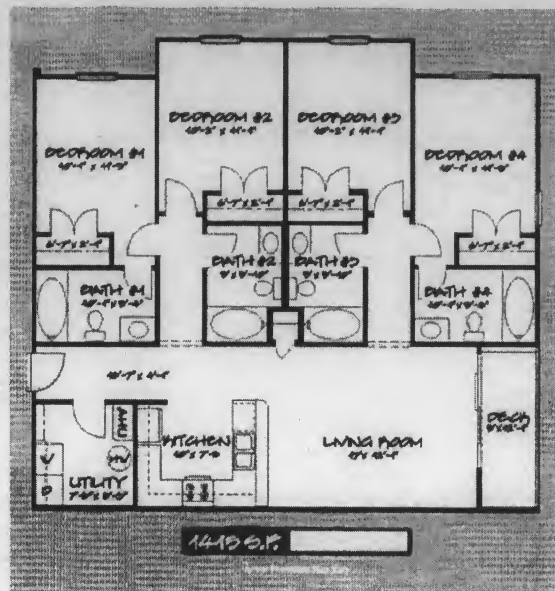
Baseball has had eight work stoppages, the last causing the cancellation of 921 regular-season games over two years and canceling the World Series for the first time since 1904. The NFL has had four strikes, including two during the regular season, but has enjoyed labor peace since 1987.



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Board of Visitors Considers "Chartered Institution" Status For Longwood

New soccer fields, eight faculty hires approved

Shawn Garrett
News Editor

Dr. Cormier and Longwood's Board of Visitors are considering newly proposed legislation that will allow Longwood University to become a Chartered Institution, the University stated in a press release yesterday.

The Commonwealth Chartered Universities and Colleges Act would allow certain public colleges and universities to become Chartered Institutions. As a Chartered Institution, those colleges and universities would give up a small percentage of their funding in exchange for more tuition flexibility and release from many of the State rules and regulations.

According to the release, consideration of this issue is taking

place among all colleges and universities in the state, with specific emphasis focused on the implications of such legislation on those institutions that would not be chartered.

The following other actions were taken by the Board at the September 11th meeting:

* Longwood President Dr. Patricia Cormier announced that Longwood had opened the new school year with the largest freshman class ever, 980 students. She continued by acknowledging Longwood's impressive presence in the 2005 U.S. News & World Report "America's Best Colleges," among all Southern Universities-Master's (public and private). Longwood had moved up to the top tier at a position of #37 vs. #54;

* The Board approved the sta-

tus of professor emeritus for Dr. Patrick Barber, professor of chemistry.

* Also approved were eight new faculty hires: Donna M. Brown, lecturer of Spanish; Roy R. Creasey, lecturer in management; Dr. Brett Hursey, lecturer in English; Catherine A. Kapi, lecturer in French; Dr. Enza V. McCauley, visiting assistant professor of science education; Dr. Elizabeth F. Morris, visiting assistant professor of reading and literacy; Susan Stinson, lecturer in English; Dr. Greg Salyer, lecturer in English;

* The Board of Visitors approved budget requests to be sent to the Governor for the 2006 fiscal year. Because Longwood's current appropriation is only 81

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Thousands of Longwood College dining trays still bear the "College" name.

Photo by Ashley Dow

Relics of Longwood "College" Remain

Ashley Dow
Staff Writer

Longwood College officially became Longwood University on July 1, 2002. Many students, faculty and staff remember when Governor Mark Warner came to Longwood and signed legislation, designating the college a university.

Since then, the administration has worked hard to establish Longwood as a University in the public eye, media and across the country. Yet, there are many things about Longwood that have gone unchanged.

For most students, eating in

the dining hall is a daily if not twice daily occurrence. After having their card scanned, students pick up a tray, utensils and begin to survey their meal choices.

What many students notice before they even chose their food and before they pick up their utensils is the message on their dining hall trays; Longwood College Dining Services.

While some students are not fazed by this strange occurrence at the university dining hall, others want to know why their tray still says college.

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Tailgating Still a Problem in Longwood's Residence Halls

Easily preventable practice is dangerous, irresponsible say officials

Naomi Pearson
Staff Writer

"Tailgating" is not a pre-game event, at least not on Longwood's campus. "Tailgating," or "piggy-backing" as it is sometimes called, is the practice of non-residents gaining entry to a residence hall by trailing an entering resident or slipping in before the door closes as someone leaves the building.

Occasionally, the resident does not even know it has happened. He or she heads out to the dining hall or their classes and doesn't see the tailgater coming up to catch the door before it closes.

Or, perhaps the resident and their roommate are having a lively conversation as they go into the dormitory, never noticing the person that came in right behind them.

More often than not however, they actually hold the door for the

tailgaters.

An unofficial survey revealed that the practice is prevalent all across campus despite the warnings and instruction of the Resident Assistants (RAs) and Residence Education Coordinators (RECs).

The most common reasons given by the tailgaters are "I'm visiting someone," "I'm returning something," or "I'm picking up something." Those who let them in or see them entering don't think it's a problem. When asked about it, one resident laughingly answered, "I just tell them not to break anything."

Too many residents forget, or don't care about their responsibility.

"Anyone you let in is your guest and you are responsible for whatever that guest does," one Cummings RA said. The fact

is tailgating is a Judicial Board offense as well as a security breach, according to the Student Handbook.

According to Campus Police annual crime report, Longwood is a remarkably safe campus. Unfortunately, sometimes there are reports of criminal activity inside the residence hall ranging from vandalism and theft to assault.

Although Sergeant Russell Dove of the Campus Police did not give specifics, he confirmed that a significant number of these incidents were perpetrated by tailgaters and stressed the importance of abiding by the Residence Hall policies. "Don't let in anybody you don't know," said Dove.

Tailgating is "like opening your front door and letting just anybody walk in," he said. "You wouldn't let strangers in at home;

why would you do it here?"

No one wants to believe anything bad could happen here, but the practice of tailgating raises the potential for exactly that.

School and personal property are at increased risk for vandalism, tampering, and theft, while individuals are left open to the mercy and whims of the intruders.

One young woman related an incident in which several young men tailgated into her residence building and ran down the all-female hall shouting and banging on the doors.

"I didn't care about tailgating before, but now, since this happened to me-it really bothers me," she explained. What if their intention had been assault instead of noisy mischief.

Although most tailgaters are harmless students completely

honest in their intentions, some tailgaters may not be. This possibility alone can create an atmosphere of insecurity in a place where students should feel the most safety.

To reduce the risks involved with tailgating, Dove offered these tips:

First, practice personal and group awareness, make note of anyone loitering nearby or approaching.

Second, get acquainted with the people in your residence hall. You will then be able to recognize individuals that do not belong in your building.

Third, perhaps the most important suggestion; shut the door behind you or at least take the time to make sure it closes before tailgaters can take advantage of it.

"If they're not visiting you," Dove said "don't let them in."

Words from the Editor: Learning from a Tragedy



I ignored another call from Topher on Sunday. I ignored the message as well.

And then I got online and learned some rather unsettling news.

This guy I went to high school with, whose mother was the only reason I passed two years worth of math, died on Sunday morning from alcohol poisoning.

Though authorities are still investigating the death, what we've been told is that he drank too much, went to bed, and didn't wake up.

For all intents and purposes, this young man had a long and healthy life ahead of him. Most twenty-two-year-olds do.

We read stories all too often of college students rolling out of windows, falling down flights of stairs, drinking and driving, and a plethora of other uninhibited actions.

Sometimes, we laugh. We think, we would never do anything that stupid.

But all of us go to sleep after drinking. Luckily, we all wake up. We all get to tell our tales on Monday morning.

But Tom didn't.

Instead, his parents and one of his brothers had to go identify his body. His mom has to clean out his apartment. No mother should ever have to go through that. No father should know that his son went first. No brother should have to know that a life-long relationship is no more.

Monday morning, I listened to my friends talk about their weekends.

Two girls ran a typical conversation:

"How was your weekend?" one asks the other.

"Good, but I think I partied too hard," is the response.

"There's no such thing," They both agree.

Similarly, I got a call from

Maggi on Monday night. She tells me how Nicole was up visiting her, and they both drank until they blacked out.

"Sunday morning, that was funny," she tells me. "Now I'm just counting my blessings. That could have been me."

In 2003, there were 364 alcohol-related deaths in Virginia alone. That's a hell of a lot of people.

On average, college students (as a whole) spend \$5.5 billion a year on alcohol. That's a hell of a lot of money.

Statistically, we are a dangerous age group. We have more incidents of binge drinking and alcohol-related accidents than any other demographic. But I guess that's kind of obvious.

But what's sad is that we always think that we'll never be the one.

I'm not saying this to make you stop drinking. I know you're going to do it. I know I'm going to do it. I know it's fun.

But during Oktoberfest next weekend, I'm asking that you take a step back. Support your friends

who decide not to drink; they are no more lame than you are. Maybe not take that last shot of tequila or bong that last beer. Take care of yourself and your friends after you've been out for the night.

You never know when that can make the difference.

Amy Whipple

Amy Whipple
Editor-in-Chief

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

This past weekend was Family weekend here at Longwood University, and I like many students had my parents down.

I was shocked when we went to the dining hall on Sunday morning to learn that the prices of meals had doubled. When asked if there was any break because I am a commuter student the girl said no that everyone was \$10.00. Normally the price of Sunday morning brunch is \$5.00 a person.

Needless to say my whole family left Longwood and went to Shoney's for breakfast because we refused to pay double for meals.

I was upset at this price gouging because meals do not cost more just because its family weekend, and the students are not being paid more either.

This was just another way for Longwood to try and squeeze as much money out of an event as possible. So many parents were willing to pay for meals, which Longwood interprets as being an opportunity to gouge their prices.

This is a ridiculous practice by Longwood, and it needs to be stopped.

-Jennifer Holliday

Dear Rotunda staff,

I am studying abroad in Florence this semester and the following is an account of my experiences for the paper.

Right now I truly feel inspired by Italy. I have only been here for one week and it has already changed my life. The difference in culture is so vast, it is difficult to fully comprehend it, let alone

explain it.

The first night I got here, I discovered how fun the nightlife is!

There are much less restrictions on drinking in Italy. The legal drinking age is 16 and it is okay to drink in public. You can buy a beer in a bar and walk through the street with it, literally waving at a police officer as you take a sip.

Since youth are allowed to drink, they do not drink to excess like American youths tend to do. Being able to legally drink has been liberating.

By the second day, I was beginning to feel frustrated. Let me just say, if you want the challenge of your life, go to another country without first learning the native language.

There are many foreign students and tourists here from the US, Canada, and the UK, so English is spoken here, but it is impossible to fully immerse in Florentine culture without knowing how to speak Italian.

Florence is a beautiful city, probably one of the most spectacular cities in the world. I live one block away from Santa Croce (pronounce crow-shay), a cathedral built in the 13th century.

Trying to communicate in another language is an adventure all its own, and one that requires much patience.

Being so close to all these medieval buildings, these famous souls, and magnificent works of art, is humbling.

I understand now why they call it culture "shock." But after the shock comes the calm. I feel peaceful here, more so than I have ever felt before in my life.

-Kristen Casalenuovo

Dear Editor,

Earlier this week, my Anthropology class participated in a discussion over the points of Evolution and Creationism. As most people know, evolution is taught in public schools, and creationism is not, as per the separation of church and state.

However, almost fifty percent of people in America believe in some interpretation of the Bible, which means they do not believe in evolution. While it does seem to be unlikely to me that humans evolved from, say, sweet potatoes, it also seems unlikely that an all-powerful god created our entire environment.

I also find the field of "Flood Geology" quite amusing. If you're not familiar, Flood Geology is the study of the world, as it was shaped by The Genesis Flood, found in the Bible within the respected chapter. Others who are more religious than I agree that the Earth is more than 10,000 years old, and that it is doubtful that the entire universe was constructed in 6 days. It is also thought that because God has no sense of time, it is very much likely that constructing the universe, including earth and its inhabitants, took billions of years.

I am glad that some people are able to leave their religious texts open to interpretation, rather than insist on the literal, which at times is illogical or immoral. Remember, according to the Bible, you should not sow two crops beside one another or make garments with more than two types of thread.

-Tanner Keith

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S.G.A. Upsetting More and More Students

Trudy Berry
Guest Writer

I am disappointed in SGA's performance this semester for two reasons.

First, they exhibit an almost total disregard for the existence of the Commuter Student Association (CSA).

Which make no sense because many SGA members are commuters.

Their lack of support for the CSA is evident by the failure of SGA commuters to attend the Commuter Welcome Back Picnic on Wednesday, September 15.

Their display of apathy toward CSA's actions to resolve parking issues is also irritating.

CSA took the initiative, in the fall of 2001, to be proactive in seeking a resolution to the parking problem; SGA co-sponsored at least the past two open forums.

This semester, however, parking suddenly turned into a recognition issue for the SGA.

They have taken it upon themselves to hold an Open Forum to discuss parking.

Doing this discounts the fact, if I am not mistaken, that they approved CSA's budget which included a line item for the Open Forums to discuss parking issues.

Past actions on the part of CSA members to work with SGA, specifically the Physical Environment Committee, proved to be exercises in futility.

I am glad that the SGA's increased sensitivity to the parking issue brought them to the point where they are willing to take a lead role to help resolve students' parking needs.

It only concerns me that it took parking to become a problem for SGA members, and not simply the student

body, for the SGA to finally wake up and take a stand.

It is not exactly a citizen leader attribute, to act only when it affects you.

Second, it appears that the SGA Finance Committee members take questionable liberty in interpreting their Bylaws-perhaps altering their interpretation to suit their own purposes.

The SGA has been insistent upon organizations submitting appropriate and complete budget requests.

Their budget proposals must include not just the total amount of funds requested, but also the specific amount of funds requested for each line item.

For example, an organization cannot request funds for "office supplies," but must request detailed items such as so many boxes of paper clips, this many glue sticks, etc.

Furthermore, the SGA has been adamant in refusing to fund any organization's request to fund a speaker/entertainer if that organization had already signed a contract with said speaker/entertainer.

SGA was always emphatic in ensuring that an organization standing before them to request such funds was fully aware of the Bylaw restriction: Section C, 5, n (as posted on the current SGA web site), which states that if an organization has already made a commitment before funds are allotted, then funds shall not be appropriated from the Student Activity Fees Committee (S.A.F.C.) fund.

At their September 16 meeting, however, the SGA Finance Committee approved a reallocation of funds for an organization to pay for, and thus honor, a rather large contract they signed this past June or July for a particular speaker/entertainer to appear at a major campus function this semester.

This organization did not include a line item for this speaker/entertainer in the budget they

submitted, and the Finance Committee subsequently approved, last spring.

If this organization did not request this large sum of money to contract for this particular, or any for that matter, speaker/entertainer, as a line item on their budget, but signed a contract nevertheless, why did the SGA Finance Committee approve to reallocate funds?

Why did the SGA make an exception in this case?

To make this clear, "reallocate" means to move funds from one or more line items on the already approved budget to this one particular line item.

This means that the contract for the speaker/entertainer that does not appear on the current budget sheet.

If the SGA absolutely refused in the past to approve funds to any organization to pay for a speaker for whom they had already signed a contract, why did they approve such an action for this particular organization?

Because the member of the requesting organization who stood before them is also a member of the SGA, did this fact influence the Finance Committee's decision in their favor?

Did this same fact sway the Finance Committee to seek, and ultimately find, a reinterpretation of "before funds are allotted" from "before funds are allotted for this specific line item" to "before funds are allotted on an approved budget" for the sake of gratifying a favored organization?

I wonder if there is a system that checks over the SGA to make sure that it's members are not using their membership in this organization to bend the rules and father the financial status of other organizations they are also involved in.

This is not the first time the "conflict of interest" flag went up during SGA Senate and Finance Committee proceedings.

props and drops

The Rotunda would like to encourage anyone and everyone to submit props and drops to rotunda@longwood.edu

Props:

- + To Starbucks Frappuccino.
- + To great books in American Lit. classes.
- + To open criticism of our Professor's ideas being perfectly okay.
- + To MadTV.
- + DVD and CD collection in the library.

Drops:

- To the Brock Lake in the new parking garage.
- To cold in the morning, and hot in the afternoon.
- To 7-11 not being at Longwood.
- To caffeine withdrawals.
- To girls who pee on the toilet.

Speak Out

What, in your opinion, is uncharacteristic about this year's election?



More than half of America doesn't support the incumbent.

-John Burton, Junior

A lot of fire is being thrown from both sides, [there's] so much public scrutiny.

-Jonathan Larson, Junior



The war has a lot to do with how people are going to vote.

-Dawn Capsetta, Sophomore

There's a lot at stake: the war and the economy. The war has a lot to do with whether the President will be re-elected.

Kathryn Sutton, Freshman



All pictures by Sarah-Tyler Moore

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"For two years we have had the old college trays," said senior Lindsay Walker. "I think the university should change the items we use everyday that still say Longwood College. It is important to communicate to prospective students that we are a university when they are in our dining hall."

Writing a letter home or sending a postcard to friends may be a thing of the past. Yet students do not have the option of sending a postcard with the new logo or Longwood University displayed and written on the card.

Since the fall of 2002, the bookstore has been selling Longwood College postcards at a discounted rate. After pulling the college postcards from the shelves this summer, new university cards have yet to be ordered.

"I think it would be worth the investment to make the little changes," said senior Jen Dize. "Especially in the dining hall and the bookstore."

Even though there are a few inconsistencies with the university image around campus, the public relations department is working hard to communicate the message of the university.

The Longwood magazine for alumni and friends of Longwood University is the department's largest publication with a circulation of 30,000. This magazine promotes all activities of the university.

"The Longwood magazine is our most effective tool for explaining the mission of the uni-

versity," said Jennifer Wall, public relations specialist. "Every product that comes out of our office clearly communicates Longwood as a university." One of the biggest challenges faced by the department, is getting longtime Virginia residents to realize Longwood is now a university.

"Since the founding of Longwood in 1839, there is probably a woman in every longtime Virginia family that has attend the school at some point," stated Wall. "It takes time for everyone to adjust to the changes of Longwood."

To get the message out, the department sends press releases to all media outlets detailing the activities of the university. The press releases help the media when explaining Longwood stories on the television, radio or in print.

"You can't dictate to the media what to say," said Wall. "But we can make sure they are supplied with the right information regarding Longwood."

It is likely that the image of Longwood in academics, student life and sports will continue to change in the future.

The first few graduating classes of Longwood University have the responsibility of communicating to others in the professional and academic world the new status of Longwood.

"Our students are very important to the image of Longwood," said Wall. "Each student acts as an ambassador for the university and its mission."

the Art Department.

The Board also approved three policies to comply with: (1) the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, which requires financial institutions such as Longwood to establish policies for the privacy and safeguarding of customer financial information, (2) the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), which is a Federal law that requires the establishment of policies to safeguard student records and data and (3) the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), which is a Federal law that protects individually identifiable health information.

Over 100 Students Attend "Fearsome" Discussion

Shawn Garrett
News Editor

Gay, straight, lesbian and bisexual students got a brief glimpse into each other's worlds Monday night during Fearsome, a panel discussion sponsored by Unity Alliance (UA) and the Student Health and Wellness Center.

Over 100 students attended the discussion held in Curry Commons. The panel consisted of three females-lesbian, straight and bisexual-and two males-one gay, one straight.

"We're hoping to promote an understanding of differences between people," said UA Co-President Walter Gray. "We'd like people to walk away knowing it's not just the five or six [on the panel], but that they might have friends who feel this way."

The panelists began by recounting their own experiences with being gay themselves or having gay friends or family members.

Gay male panelist Chris Davis, freshman at nearby Hampden Sydney College, discussed being homosexual at the all-male, historically conservative institution.

"I had to just prepare myself mentally," said Davis. "I watch NASCAR and football and I could pass as a straight man, but I don't want to."

Panelist Jessica Spangenburg gave a heart-wrenching description of her experiences with her mother, who came out as a lesbian.

"When my mother came out and my parents divorced, I went to live with my mother," said Spangenburg. "My dad said it would rub off on me. He was furious."

Panelists also discussed the omission of gay and lesbian relationships in the media and day-to-day slights and stares the average homosexual person encounters.

The panel was then opened up to questions from the audience.

When asked how he dealt with advances from gay men, straight male Jason Reade said that he considered it a compliment. "If someone finds me attractive, whoever it is, I don't mind."

"Does anyone on the panel wish they weren't gay?" someone asked.

All responded no, save Gray who admitted that he sometimes did. "It would certainly make things easier," said Gray, who later told The Rotunda "Having a different orientation isn't as grand and wonderful as it seems sometimes."

Originally titled the "Fearsome Foursome" the panel was begun by Longwood alum Jennifer Munier in Spring of 2002. Beginning as a hall program, its popularity grew to its present form as a campus-wide event. Last year it became a bi annual program.

Said Gray, "All we want is for people to open up their minds and listen."

BSA Presents

HOLLYWOOD NIGHTS



Friday
October 1st,
2004
9:00pm- 1:00am

Grand Ball
Room
(upstairs in the
student union)
Dress is
semi-formal
(dress code will
be enforced)

Menu:

Bacon wrapped Scallops
Chicken Wings
Bar-b-que Meatballs
Cheesecake
Chocolate dipped
strawberries

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percent of the Base Adequacy Funding Model, operating requests included funds for additional faculty and faculty salary increases. Also included in the request were monies for the replacement of outdated information systems, ADA accessibility, emergency generators and asbestos abatement;

As part of Longwood's move to NCAA Division I, requests for renovations to Willet Hall's Gymnasium and the construction of new soccer fields were also approved. Other requests included funds for the renovation and expansion of the Lankford Hall, and a renovation to Bedford Hall, which houses

Get Out the Vote: Longwood Students Clearly Engaged in National Issues

Sarah-Tyler Moore
Staff Writer

"A vote is more than a person's right; it's a person's mind," said freshman Sean Hopkins.

According to the United States Census Bureau, in 1992 48 percent of young adults, ages 18 to 20, registered to vote; however, only 39 percent actually did. Is this statistic indicative of the 2004 Election's young adult voter turnout?

Programs like MTV's "Chose or Lose" are striving to encourage some 20 million young people to vote, and The New Voters Project, which has registered over 100,000 people from ages 18 to 24, are working to change and encourage young voter activity.

Amy Temple, state director for voting in Arizona said to Arizona Republic, "Maybe [young people] don't think voting is an effective way to change their community. Figuring out logistics [of voting] could be intimidating." Temple also suggested that perhaps candidates do not direct their atten-

tion toward young adults as much as they should.

However, she said, "We want to make sure [political] messages are being geared toward young adults so they feel part of the political process."

So what political messages and issues interest the student population?

"[I feel strong about] the issue of job outsourcing. It's wrong to relocate for a lower cost at the cost of American jobs when the economy is already so weak," said Hopkins.

Students also care about the war in Iraq.

"[I feel strong about] troops in Iraq because the war was accomplished and we still have troops over there. We need to figure out a way to correct [that] problem," said senior Kirk Johnston.

Sophomore Holly Overstreet said "[I feel strong about] international issues. It's important that we protect our country."

Apart from the war in Iraq and the job market, there are some issues that are less signifi-

cant to young voters. One of which is political competition; back and forth attacks between sides

"[Candidates] bickering about each other and backstabbing comments" are less important to Johnston.

Hopkins voiced his frustration with such behavior but shed light on the futility of it all. "It's ridiculous for the sides to be fighting," he said "because when it comes down to it, Kerry and Bush are the same."

While the issues of a candidate's platform carry weight, what characteristics should he possess to win a student's vote? Hopkins said, "Honesty is a big one, because you don't want someone to be representing you that's going to lie to you."

"[He should be] strong, brave, intelligent, caring, and compassionate. Without all of these qualities you do not have someone who can lead you to victory in war and keep your homeland safe or even chose the right path for your nation," said freshman

Patricia Knutti.

Should morality stop at the oval office door?

"[Candidates that are] trustworthy, [have the] ability to make sound decisions and have sound advisors, [be] socially moral, not so much personally, [appeal to me]," said Johnston.

In contradiction to Johnston, Overstreet said morality is an important rubric for leadership. "Moral people [appeal to me]; their personal life says a lot about how they'll handle political situations."

Whatever the qualities preferred in a candidate, there is no question that the 2004 election is unprecedented and possibly the reason why far more people are getting involved and encouraging young adults to as well. Turbulence has accompanied the polls. "In the last election, [the] popular vote [candidate] didn't get elected, people have qualms about their vote; they have to be more sensitive," said Johnston.

How can a student get involved and better prepared for

the election? By registering to vote online at www.sbe.state.va.us. An absentee ballot is also retrievable at the site. Websites like mtv.com/choseorlose where they update information regularly and the "Your Voice Counts" page at www.longwood.edu/news/events/yourvoicecounts/ are helpful.

To be a part of the election effort on campus, the following events are offered:

Citizen Leader Day with speaker Chuck D. on September 25 from 9 to 11 a.m. and 12 to 4 p.m.;

"Election 2004-How Will You Decide?" at 8 p.m. in the Lankford Ballroom;

Lecture by former Virginia governor Gerald Balles at 7:30 p.m. at Hampden-Sydney College;

Fahrenheit 9/11 will be shown on October 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lankford Ballroom followed by a discussion, and;

Virgil Goode v. Al Weed debate on October 24 at 7:30 at Hampden-Sydney College.

Kerry Unveils Iraq Plan in NYU Talk, Criticizes Bush

U-Wire

NEW YORK - Sen. John Kerry outlined his plan to end the U.S. occupation in Iraq in front of an New York University audience Monday, saying that America, faced with a rapidly deteriorating security situation in Iraq, needed "to turn the page and make a fresh start."

Kerry, the Democratic presidential nominee, said President Bush has exaggerated progress in Iraq while ignoring signs from within his own administration that the U.S. mission there is in increasing danger of failure.

"In Iraq, this administration has consistently over-promised and under-performed," Kerry said in the morning address at the Skirball Center for Performing Arts, where former Vice President Al Gore also spoke out against the Bush administration's handling of the war this summer.

"This policy has been plagued by a lack of planning, an absence of candor, arrogance and outright

incompetence, and the president has held no one accountable, including himself," he said.

He said that with the pace of U.S. and Iraqi combat casualties accelerating, and foreign support for the occupation limited, staying the course under Bush's policy could lead to a "war with no end in sight."

Responding to Kerry's remarks later in the day, Bush told a crowd in Derry, N.H., that Americans should listen to the positive assessment of the situation in Iraq offered by Iraqi Prime Minister Iyad Allawi, instead of Kerry's critical view.

"We must show resolve and determination," Bush said. "Mixed signals are the wrong signals to send to the enemy. Mixed signals are the wrong signals to send to the people in Iraq. Mixed signals are the wrong signals to send to our allies. And mixed signals are the wrong signals to send to our troops in combat."

Kerry called the war in Iraq a "profound diversion" from the war on terror, and its undertak-

ing a failure of judgment on the part of the commander in chief. Bush complicated this mistake, Kerry said, with "a series of catastrophic decisions from the beginning in Iraq. At every fork in the road, [Bush] has taken the wrong turn and led us in the wrong direction."

Kerry strongly criticized the president for his "failure to tell the truth to the American people" about his rationale for going to war, and then subsequently understating the burden occupying Iraq would lay on the U.S.

"[Bush] didn't tell us that we'll have over 100,000 troops would be needed, for years, not months," he said. "He didn't tell us that he wouldn't take the time to assemble a broad and strong coalition of allies. He didn't tell us that the cost would exceed \$200 billion. He didn't tell us that, even after paying such a heavy price, success was far from assured."

The speech came just one day after three prominent Republican senators took to the Sunday talk show circuit to criticize Bush for

not being, in the words of Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., "as straight as maybe we'd like to see" with the American people about Iraq.

On CBS's "Face the Nation" Sunday, Nebraska Sen. Chuck Hagel said a "crisp, sharp analysis of our policies are required" in Iraq.

"We didn't do that in Vietnam, and we saw 11 years of casualties mount to the point where we finally lost," Hagel said.

Kerry said he couldn't predict what state he might find Iraq in by the time he could be sworn in as president in January. But he challenged Bush to undertake a four-step plan to get Iraq back on track in the next several months.

The first step, Kerry said, was that the president must persuade the international community to provide troops to ease the burden on U.S. forces in Iraq. Bush will address the U.N. General Assembly Wednesday.

Kerry also said Bush needs to "get serious" about training Iraqi security forces, ensure that recon-

struction plans bring "tangible benefits to the Iraqi people," and take "immediate, urgent, essential steps to guarantee" that free elections scheduled for January can still take place in Iraq.

"If the president would move in that direction ... we could begin to withdraw U.S. forces starting next summer and realistically aim to bring all our troops home within the next four years," Kerry said.

Bush said his administration has been pursuing a course all along that Kerry has just arrived at today.

"Forty-three days before the election, my opponent has now suddenly settled on a proposal for what to do next, and it's exactly what we're currently doing," Bush told the crowd in New Hampshire. "We're working with the international partners, we're training Iraqi troops ... we're preparing for elections. They're going to have elections in January."

Bush arrived in New York late Monday and will remain in the city through Tuesday.

Calendar

September 24-30, 2004

Friday the 24th

Rocky Horror Picture Show!
9:00 p.m.
Stubbs Lawn

Tuesday the 28th

Tiki Tuesday!
Bring out your Hawaiian wear!

YOUR VOICE COUNTS!

8:00 p.m.
Lankford Ballroom

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to Janet Jones
Our beloved Copy Editor

Saturday the 25th

Women's Rugby
11:00 a.m.
President's Field

Citizen Leader Day
6:30 p.m.
Jarman Auditorium

Comedienne Maria Bamford
9:00 p.m.
Lankford Ballroom

Wednesday the 29th

Western Wednesday!
Sport your best cowboy hat and boots!

Sunday the 26th

WMLU Meeting
9:00 p.m.
Hiner Auditorium

Thursday the 30th

Twin Thursday!
Pick a pal and dress alike!



Monday the 27th

Mix Match Monday!
Dress CRAZY!

Unity Alliance:
Where you belong
Check it out:
Thursday
7:30 p.m. in the
Amelia Room

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Foot in Mouth

by Ellie Woodruff



Another successful and exciting family weekend.

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Come to a Lancer Productions meeting and find out what's going on with your money.
Monday nights, 8:00 p.m., in
Lankford Student Union's Amelia Room

"We may steal your soul, but at least we'll be nice while doing it."

Tongue in Cheek

By: Ellie Woodruff

So first I had angina pectoris, then when that was done I had to deal with arteriosclerosis. Got that cleared up and suddenly I was struck with psoriasis, tonsillitis and on top of it all... - appendectomy!



"Oh man, how did he ever survive that?"

"You do realize he's talking about a vocabulary, test?"

Those before us have challenged us to seize the day. We at The Rotunda now challenge you to do the same. Capture an instance in your life using 100 words or less, that has made a lifelong impression. Please e-mail The Rotunda with your responses or any questions: rotunda@longwood.edu.

Carpe Diem

A huge black spot marked the popcorn bag. The delicious smell that we had anticipated turned out rotten. The R.A. had one rule about trash. My roommate waited at the door to make sure the coast was clear.

I stiffened my body against the wall as I scurried to the trash chute. With one pull and throw it was gone. Footsteps down the hall sped up.

I sprinted back to just in time for my roommate to open the door. We collapsed with laughter and relief. We were saved! Here's to James Bonding with a perfect stranger and loving it.

The World Has Turned and Left Me Here

Mandy Amason
Staff Writer

Dear Mandy,

I am a transfer student and I am having a really hard time fitting in here at Longwood. What do you suggest I do?

~S.D.

Dear S.D.,

Life sucks doesn't it?

Yeah I can say that we all are having a hard time fitting in here.

IT'S FARMVILLE FOR CHRIST'S SAKE!

But if you mean the Longwood campus itself, well, that's easy.

Go out and buy your entire wardrobe from Express, Abercrombie and Fitch, and some other crap store like Rave.

Then pretend that you love everybody, party all the time, and get a really bad dye job.

Now, that is how you can really "fit" in.

In my opinion, this is the easiest route.

Then again, anything worth having is not easy to get.

There are some really interesting people on campus and I am constantly plagued with the question: why do we care?

Seriously. I personally am having the worst time fitting in here, I tried everything; being nice, talking to people, and yes, even going to some Greek Open Houses.

At first, I was really offended that I didn't get into a sorority but then I found out through an insider that they choose by who they partied with last year.

Well if you're a transfer with a 3.5, funny, beautiful, and great person all around but you didn't party with them last year, you're screwed.

Good luck if you choose to go that route but I highly suggest otherwise.

I have taken deep comfort in individuality and I plan to keep it that way, I didn't fall out of a cookie cutter and that scares

people.

Differences scare people. Just be you and good things will come.

I have met some girls that are great and they love to have fun and they are genuine. It's hard to find but when you do, you appreciate it more.

You WILL fit here; you just have to make yourself fit.

Join some clubs and some organizations. Get involved with things; they don't always have to be Greek.

Don't get me wrong, I am not bashing the Greeks, as a matter of fact some of them (note that I stressed some) are really nice and fun. GO ALPHA GAMMA DELTA!!!

Just don't feel that it is the only way to go.

Time is a given.

Give Longwood the benefit of the doubt.

Good Luck!

Until next time boys and girls,
Mandy Amason

Shawn's Cooking for College

Quick and Cheap Meals for College Students

Sophie's Perfect Pizza Wrap

Ingredients:

Las Banderita Tortillas (\$1.42)

Mama Mary's Pizza Sauce (\$1.78)

Kraft Taco Shredded Cheese (\$2.07)

Optional:

Armour Pepperoni (\$1.74)

Green Peppers: 50cents each

Kraft Ranch Dressing: (\$1.88)

Cooking Instructions

- *On a clean surface, lay out one tortilla.
- *With a spoon, spread about 4 spoonfuls of the Pizza Sauce over the entire tortilla
- *Add as much or as little shredded cheese as you like
- *If desired, add pepperoni or chopped green peppers
- *Fold over tortilla and place in microwave (for softer pizza) or toaster oven (for crispier pizza. This is the preferred way)
- *For microwave: cook pizza for 2 minutes
- *For toaster oven: set dial to toast and cook for 2 minutes
- *Dip pizza wrap in ranch dressing for extra flavor!

This year, as most years, Longwood University has students who have chosen to study abroad through the International Studies program. Through out the next several months one of these students, Katie Harrison, a Junior Anthropology major, will be sharing some of her experiences in day to day life and her academic life while she is studying in Ghana on the west African coast.

The Ghana Journals

25 August '04

Things here are very different. There's no hot water and no M&M's!

It's the end of the rainy season so it's really humid.

My dorm room is about the same size as in ARC.

It's set up like a suite situation and my suitemates are from

Nigeria and northern Ghana. Classes here were suppose to start on Monday but there's been a worker's strike so who knows when classes will really start.

This is merely the beginning of The Ghana Journals. Pick up the next edition of The Rotunda for the next installment.



Many Opportunities for Student Involvement On Campus

Variety of clubs and groups afford students the chance to be Citizen Leaders

Raven Stanley
Staff Writer

There are a wide range of organizations here at Longwood for students to get involved with, and many aren't widely known.

These organizations range from fraternities and sororities to service organizations, as well as groups that correspond to various majors.

The extracurricular activities allow students to meet people with the same interests and allow them to further explore the interests and ideas of others.

Some of the organizations on campus that are directed towards similar interest include the Equestrian team. Involvement with this group requires no prior experience and even participate in competitions and shows. For more information contact tdsmith@longwood.edu.

The Outdoor club is another organization that many students aren't aware of. They meet every

Tuesday at 6:30 in Lancer 203 and offer a wide variety of activities.

Last year the outdoor club went skydiving among other things, and this year are planning a whitewater rafting trip as one of their events.

The Virginian, Longwood's yearbook, is another organization on campus that is currently expanding and always looking for interested students. If interested, contact yearbook@longwood.edu.

Longwood also has various sports many of which are intramural.

One such sport is the Woman's Rugby team that meets Monday thru Friday from 4 to 6 p.m. at Curry. Since it is not mandatory to attend all practices, even those with a busy schedule can participate.

Some student groups on campus set out to aid students directly or to aid a particular stance in

the community. One of these organizations is the Wellness Advocates that meet every other week at 5:45 p.m. in the Student Health Center. This group hosts seminars on issues affecting student health and can answer many questions that a student might have.

Other organizations that deal with student wellness include the Peer Helper, who are a part of the Student Counseling Service.

Peer Helpers give counseling to students who would rather deal with a peer than the more traditional idea of a counselor.

This organization is also involved with the annual Angel Tree program. Angel Tree provides students and community members the opportunity to help make a Happy Holiday for local children.

For information contact peerhelpers@longwood.edu or call extension x2657.

G.L.B.T. promotes diversity

and supports same sex issues here at Longwood. Some of their events include National Coming Out Day, National Day of Silence, and they are responsible for hosting a drag show on campus.

If interested, come and meet the group Thursdays at 8 p.m. in the Amelia Room of the Student Union.

SAFE meets Tuesday in the Charlotte Room at 3:30. SAFE sets up programs to educate the student body on how to be safe on and off campus through the various events that they sponsor. SAFE meets Tuesday in the Charlotte Room at 3:30.

LEAF, which meets in Stevens 111 at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, is an organization that sets out to bring environmental awareness to the Longwood campus and surrounding area.

Some organizations are involved in helping the community at a large. Some of these

organizations may even count towards service hours.

Relay for Life is a national organization that raises money for the American Cancer Society. For information about this years team and how you can help, contact Amanda Jones at anjones@longwood.edu or x4071.

Habitat for Humanity also has a group here at Longwood.

This organization helps to build low cost homes at cost for the homeowners in need. For information about this years group contact them at habitat@longwood.edu.

With the many groups and organizations available at Longwood, most individuals can easily find something that meets their personal needs in an organization. For even more information about the many other organizations on campus, contact the Office of Leadership and New Student Programs in the Student Union.

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3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Erin
5 pm - 6 pm Debbie

Wednesday
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Jacky

Thursday
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Kelly

You can contact us by phone at x2567, mailbox 2916, Instant Messenger [lwppeerhelpers](msn://lwppeerhelpers), or e-mail phelpers@longwood.edu

New Teacher Feature: Dr. Carmen Phelps



Bobbi Thibo
Asst. Editor

General Stats:

Undergrad- B.A. in Journalism and a BS in African-American Studies at the University of Kansas, Lawrence.

Graduate- MA in English at Chicago State University and a Ph.D in American and African-American Literature from George Washington University.

Q: When driving into Farmville, what was your very first impression?

A: I was overwhelmed by its rural character, but it was in a good way! I thought the landscaping was beautiful, and I imagined that the people here would have a "true" Southern

character.

Q: What was running through your mind right before your first class of the semester?

A: I was quite nervous and didn't know what to expect from the students. I felt that my immanent relationship with them was going to be, in many ways, my introduction to the culture of Farmville and Longwood, so to this extent, I was anxious to get to know them! I also believe that they are among the most important resource here, so I looked forward to becoming acquainted with their interests as both students and citizens.

Q: Why English? Why Early American Lit? How did you know this is what you wanted to do?

A: I've always been a "nerd," and reading, artistic expression, and writing have been a pastime and passion of mine since I can remember. I also think that literature and history are fascinating subjects that provide audiences

with the opportunity to become familiar with themselves, other cultures, traditions, etc. I'm encouraged by what writers of the past, as well as contemporary writers, have achieved in their work, and I'm inspired to consider the ways in which these voices shape evolving traditions globally, American literature, and America in general.

Q: What is your favorite childhood book?

A: I loved "Encyclopedia Brown" books when I was little. Interestingly enough, I'm not a fan of mystery or suspense books now, but back then, I read them all!

Q: What is your favorite quote of all time?

A: I don't really have a favorite quote - I eat them all up ... I come across so much in my reading, that it would be difficult for me to decide which of the quotes has been the most inspirational to me.

Athletic Department Markets Move to D-I QUICK HITS

Ashley Dow
Staff Writer

In the fall of 2007, all Lancer athletic teams will compete with a full schedule of Division I opponents. Until then the athletic department is concentrating on informing students, alumni and the community on the university's move to a Division I program.

To communicate the move, Assistant Athletic Director for Development, Mike Mitchell says that the department is doing everything it can to reach those in and out of the college community. "Every opportunity we have to explain this change to division one, we jump at it," said Mitchell. "We are using media releases to communicate with the non-Longwood community and the athletic website to inform our alumni about the change."

Students are not left out of the department's efforts. In fact, Mitchell says students are the most integral part in developing a successful Division I program. "We want the students to enjoy college athletics and the game experience," stated Mitchell. "Without the students to generate excitement for the teams, the atmosphere would not be at the Division I level," he continued.

The biggest challenge Mitchell says is getting people excited about the game and the teams we

are playing. "We are no longer playing teams we have never heard of," said Mitchell. "We are playing teams that are on the ESPN ticker across your television."

The men's basketball team is set to play Division I opponents, Old Dominion University, Wake Forest University and University of Illinois this season. The softball team is playing University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on September 26th while the baseball team opens their season against annual College World Series contender South Carolina.

To draw more people into athletic events, new contests, promotions, and entertainment are being added to the game during halftime and time-outs. There will be dance teams and cheerleaders performing at basketball games. A new group called the Lancer Lunatics, composed of die-hard student athletic fans was created. They will have their own special section and tee-shirts. Prizes will be given at halftime and at the end of the games for students.

Before athletic events, pre-game receptions will be held for Lancer Athletic Club members and donors to the athletic department. This will give them a chance to meet the coach and team members. These receptions will be held at home and away

games. A Lancer kid's club has also been developed to encourage members of the community to bring their children to athletic events. Mitchell said these programs were created to promote an atmosphere similar to other Division I programs. "Not only do our athletes have to step up to the Division I level, but our programs for the fans have to as well," stated Mitchell.

Pepsi cans will once again sport the Lancer athletic logo, only this time the can will really emphasize the move to Division I athletics. The Pepsi can is expected to debut in November. The athletic department is also taking advantage of local media to get their message across. "The marketing plan we have is to use media outlets in Richmond, Lynchburg, and Charlottesville to stir up interest in the community when big name teams come to Farmville," said Mitchell.

It is no doubt that the transition to Division I will be full of highs and lows, but the athletic department and Mitchell feel that it is a great opportunity for the university. "Moving to Division I and the exposure it creates parallels what the administration wants to see in the future for the university," said Mitchell. "We are getting our name out there as much as possible."

Field Hockey Defeated in OT

Sports Information

Radford University took a 2-1 overtime decision past host Longwood University in a field hockey contest Wednesday afternoon at Cary Street Field in Richmond. The visiting Highlanders (2-3) scored the game-winner with 1:56 remaining in the first overtime when senior Angela Feindt tallied the goal on a penalty corner taken by sophomore Kiera Gambeski. The Lancers (1-6) will be back in action this weekend when they travel into Pennsylvania for a match against St. Francis on Saturday, September 25 at 10:00 a.m..

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managed to tie the contest at 1-1 at the 16:25 minute mark when sophomore Katy Lernihan scored her first goal of the season off a penalty corner. Senior Lorrie Watts and junior Sarah Hitchings both were credited with an assist on the goal.

The two teams battled scoreless and evenly throughout the second half and almost through the first overtime. The Lancers had two opportunities to score early in the overtime period, but Watts and freshman Mary Freeman both hit shots that went wide.

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Records:

Field Hockey 1 - 7
Men's Soccer 0 - 6
Women's Soccer 1 - 7

Home Games This

Week:

None

Players of the Week

Field Hockey

Lorrie Watts, 2 assists

Men's Soccer

Elvis Cosic, 1 goal

Women's Soccer

Anna Gravel, middle center-fielder

Men's Rugby Ready for Rival HSC

Kyle Matrin
Staff Writer

The Longwood University Men's Rugby Club will continue their 25th anniversary season with their second game of the season. On September 25, the Longwood men's team will travel to heated rival Hampden-Sydney College.

"With Hampden-Sydney, they better bring it because I'm gonna bring my A game. I'm gonna bring every ounce of strength I have," freshman Ronnie Smith said. Not only are the rookie players confident about the upcoming contest, but the veterans are also inspired. "We treat them like any other team. We want to practice hard. We want to beat them physically and mentally. We've got more freshmen. It's no question with these guys. We're going to win," senior Paul Weltz said.

Currently undefeated, the team earned a dominating 20-5 victory over Washington & Lee on September 18. Freshman wing Ronnie Smith scored 15 points on three tries in his first career game while senior fly-

halfback Paul Weltz scored five points on one try.

Coming off of an early season win, players see the benefit of momentum heading into a crucial game. Sophomore fullback Steven Davis said, "It's very important because with a game like this it's important to get a good game in before them so we can get all of our jitters out and get into the flow of the game."

The victory over Washington & Lee also raises the team's awareness of their chances for a championship season. "Hampden-Sydney is our favorite game of the year. They are our biggest rival. It's also part of our main goal to win the Division III championship. The first part of that was to beat Washington & Lee. We have to beat Hampden-Sydney to get to the Division III championship," senior James Burnett said.

Catch the Men's Rugby Club in action this Saturday at 3:00 p.m. at Hampden-Sydney. More information can be found at the rugby teams website lancer-longwood.edu/org/rfc/schedule.htm.

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Weekly Trivia

Field Hockey Coach Nancy Joel used to coach what national field hockey team?

Last Weeks Answer:

Michael Tucker of the San Francisco Giants

If you would like to submit a trivia question send an email to rotunda@longwood.edu subject "Trivia" with your question, answer and name (if desired).

NFL Update: Week 2

Patrick Sullivan
Sports Editor

After the second week of NFL football is over, many teams find themselves undefeated, while other teams find themselves in a two-loss hole. The true measure of a team is not its record thus far, but how it reacts to the record.

Many winless teams could still develop into playoff contenders while the undefeated teams will most likely fall short of the playoffs. No team represents this chance more than the Lions, who have looked good in thrashing less than stellar teams including the Texans last Sunday. Jacksonville may have a slightly better chance of a post-season berth, but they only remain undefeated due to a botched hand-off between Jake Plummer and Quentin Griffin. Costly turnovers also have fans in Washington shaking their heads as Patrick Ramsey returns to his old ways throwing three interceptions in a loss against the Giants.

The Patriots continue the dominance of the NFL, racking up the 17th straight win over the Cardinals while Jerry Rice's streak of 278 consecutive games with a catch that has stood since 1985 ended even though the Raiders defeated the Bills. Vinny Testaverde again lead the NFL in passing yards, but this time he came away with a win against his

old team, the Browns.

In one of the most heated rivalries in football, the Ravens crushed the Steelers, even with limited rushing yards from Jamal Lewis. In football's oldest rivalries, the Bears added to their overall wins by pulling a major upset against Brett Favre and the Packers.

The Falcons, Colts, and Panthers pulled their games out in the fourth quarter in which the combined for a 52 to nothing against their respective opponents, the Rams, Titans, and Chiefs. A final minute touchdown was enough for the Saints to hold off the upstart 49ers. Seattle didn't even need to score in the second half and still walked away with a win against Tampa Bay.

The final game of the week could have been one to remember had the Daunte Culpepper and the Vikings not continually fizzled out in the red zone eventually giving one up to the Eagles.

Player of the Week: Chad Pennington threw for over 250 yards and two touchdowns as the Jets prevail over the Chargers and is the main reason New York fans are thinking playoffs.

Game of the Week: Despite the fact it might turn out to be the ugliest game of the season, the Bengals triumph over the Dolphins had fans on the edge of their seats.



Men's Soccer Still Looking for 1st Win

Sports Information

Appalachian State took a 6-1 decision past visiting Longwood University in a men's soccer match Sunday in North Carolina. Keon McPherson helped lift the host Mountaineers to victory by scoring two goals and assisting on two others. The Lancers, who fell to 0-6 on the year, will be back in action Friday, September 24, when they face James Madison in the first round of the James Madison Tournament. Game time is slated for 7:30 p.m.

The Mountaineers (3-2)

scored three goals before intermission, including two by McPherson, before scoring three more in the second half to hold a 6-0 lead with less than twenty minutes to play in the game. The Lancers scored their lone goal of the contest at the 77:27 mark when freshman Elvis Cosic/Richmond (J.R. Tucker) scored his first collegiate goal.

Freshman goalkeeper Matt VanOekel/Chesapeake (Great Bridge) made eight saves in the contest, while Philip Cavicchia and George Nagle of Appalachian State combined for seven saves.

Amatuer Tennis Tournament Announced

Sports Information

Longwood University men's and women's tennis head coach Pat Breen has announced the Fall 2004 Adult Doubles Tennis Tournament to take place Saturday, October 9, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Lancer Courts on-campus.

The social round-robin format will include intermediate & intermediate/advanced divisions for both men's doubles and women's doubles. Tournament sponsors are BB&T Bank, Baxter Carter-Boone & Company Realtors, and Davenport & Co. LLC.

"Once again, we are having a casual round-robin format which is very fun and allows a lot of match play," explained Breen. "I am looking forward to seeing all of the Farmville tennis community and a good day of tennis. The Longwood tennis team will be helping out by barbecuing lunch for all of the participants."

The entry fee is \$15 per player, or \$30 per team, and will include awards for each division. Deadline for entries is October 5. For more information, please contact tournament director Pat Breen via phone at (434)395-2757 or e-mail breenp@longwood.edu.

Former Longwood Student Named As New Assistant

Sports Information

Longwood University men's and women's cross country head coach Rich Firth has announced the recent appointment of Kristel French '04 as a new assistant coach with the two programs at the institution. She is a 2004 graduate of Longwood who was a three-year women's cross country runner (Kristel Moser) and team captain as a senior for the Lancers.

"I am very excited about the appointment of Kristel to the position of assistant cross country coach," explained Firth. "Kristel competed on the first-

ever women's cross country team here at Longwood. Throughout her three-year career, she was a consistent performer who was not afraid of hard work. I had the opportunity to coach her during her senior year and she impressed me with her leadership skills and her willingness to accept direction. I think her presence will have a positive effect on both of our squads." During her Longwood career, (Moser) French ran a career-best 20:49 for the 5K at the 2002 Carolinas-Virginia Athletic Conference (CVAC) Championships to place 10th

individually while helping the team to a runners-up finish. Last fall, as a senior, she ran a 25:35 for the 6K at the 2003 Virginia Division II-III State

"Throughout her three-year career, she was a consistent performer who was not afraid of hard work"

-Rick Firth

Championships to place fourth individually as the team won the event. French earned All-State honors with the fourth-place effort at the State Championships. Overall during

her career, she had eight Top 25 individual finishes, including five Top 10 individual efforts.

"I am looking forward to being the cross country assistant coach this season," said French. "As a former Longwood runner, I feel like I will be able to provide the leadership and encouragement needed for the team as well as enjoy getting to know all the new runners. By being the assistant coach, I feel it offers me the opportunity to give back to Longwood some of which it has given to me."

A native of Roanoke, French earned her bachelor of fine arts

degree from Longwood that included a concentration in art education with a mini concentration in crafts (K-12). She was a President's List and Dean's List student-athlete as an undergraduate. French also received numerous academic scholarships and participated in several volunteer experiences while attending the institution. Longwood is operating under all NCAA Division I rules and regulations during 2004-05, including the scheduling requirements, during the second year of its four-year Division I reclassification period toward official certification in September 2007.

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Longwood to Create More Student Parking Spaces

Fine hikes, funding issues also discussed during special SGA meeting

Patrick Trate
Copy Editor

In response to increased student demand, Longwood officials are planning to open up many new parking spaces for student use, possibly as early as next week.

"We will be pulling a minimum of 50 and a maximum of 80 spaces away from faculty/staff and turning them into student spaces," explained Longwood University Police Chief Lowe. "We hope that students will realize just how serious we are about their parking concerns," Lowe added. "Pulling spaces away from faculty is no light matter."

SGA met this week with several Longwood officials to discuss student concerns regarding parking on campus. Among those present to talk with SGA were Dick Bratcher, Vice President of Facilities Management, Charles Lowe, Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police, and Dr. Tim Pierson, Vice President of Student Affairs. After raising many grievances, SGA members were told that Longwood has a plan to better accommodate students.

"What we'd like to do," said Bratcher, who led much of the discussion, "is to open a dialogue with students regarding the changing parking situation." He went on to explain that Longwood is having to alter their attitude regarding parking as the University grows and more students need to park cars on campus. "We have to move from a reactive to a proactive planning mode," Bratcher said. "This involves communicating directly with students."

Members of SGA then began voicing many of the concerns raised by students in the past few weeks.

Key among these were complaints about the newly increased parking fines and extended enforcement hours of parking

plained about the lack of available parking. Juniors, seniors and commuters have felt especially short changed as the search for free spaces has become much harder this semester. Some have even suspected that more decals have been sold than there are spaces for.

Senior Amber Mader pointed out that sophomore students often park in junior/senior spaces, filling up all the available lots. "We're loosing spots and then having to pay the tickets," Mader said.

Bratcher agreed that spaces are some-



Familiar to Longwood students, signs and painted curbs restricting parking may become less prevalent on campus.

Photo by Shawn Garrett

zones. Last year, students who parked outside of their decal zone would earn a \$25 fine. This semester, however, the same offense will cost \$50. Furthermore, while campus police used to only enforce parking restrictions from 8am until 5pm, this semester they will be patrolling from 6am until 9pm.

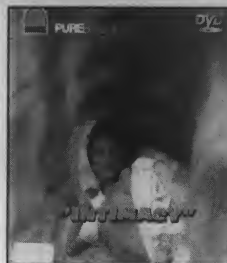
This double whammy has caused resentment among students who do not understand why these changes were necessary.

Many students have also com-

times scarce.

"There is a cascading affect on campus," he said. "When one zone fills up, students start parking out of zone and displaying others." Chief Lowe also noted that while sophomore spaces fill up quickly on campus, the Main and Vernon Street lots are rarely full. "We need to better enforce where the sophomores park so that they don't take others' spaces."

After listening to the concerns raised by SGA, officials gave some explanations for the difficult parking situation. As Bratcher explained, Virginia law states that campus parking must be able to pay for itself. This means that the only funds available for parking issues are those raised by decal sales and parking fines.



Shawn Garrett
News Editor

Longwood University students might find more than they bargained for these days in the racks of DVDs currently available from Greenwood Library, in the form of soft-core pornography.

Alongside Fellini's "8 1/2" and Alfonso Cuarón's "Y Tu Mama Tambien" earlier this month, Rotunda staff members discovered "Intimacy," a Japanese import, in the Foreign Films section of the collection. The film stars Japanese nude model and adult film star Reiko Hayama as herself, and chronicles her near-

'Late Night' Viewing At Longwood

Library officials defend soft-core DVD

constantly-nude adventures, from the ordinary to the fantastic. The jacket description of the film praises her "doll-like face and a cherry-shaped mouth," as well as her "milky white skin" and "tall, slender figure."

The description goes on to invite viewers to watch as Hayama "indulges in a long bubble bath" and exercises "in her preferred, semi-nude outfit," before seeing her in a wedding dress, waiting by a waterfall "for Mr. Right to appear and take her to the bridal chamber."

"Couple [Hayama's appearance] with a love for cleanliness and a curvy, sexy body,"

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First Banned Book Week Observed at Longwood

Sarah Barkdul & Leslie Smith
Staff Writer Style Editor

Besides being the final week of summer, the last week in September is also Banned Book Week.

Observed since 1982, Banned Book Week (BBW) is an opportunity for teachers, students, and

readers to speak up and enlighten the public about books that have

been challenged or banned.

Most books that are challenged or banned are brought to attention by parents whose children are reading books for school, or find "inappropriate" books in their public library.

Books are challenged upon their content: sexual topics, racism, violence and offensive language are to be considered material unsuited for certain age groups.

Many famous books such as *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, both by Mark Twain, were challenged soon after being written and banned in certain public libraries and schools ever since.

Banned Book Week included readings from several banned

and challenged books and discussed why these

books are so frequently challenged. During Longwood's BBW, many students and a few professors shared their experiences and love of many of the books that had been banned.

Dr. Chris McGee, the new Children's Literature professor, organized the three-day event, along with the help of Chris Cotner, the Cunningham's REC.

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See PARKING p. 4

Words from the Editor: The Inanity of Banned Books



This week, as we celebrate Oktoberfest, Longwood has also taken part in Banned

Book Week.

As an English major, I obviously spend a lot of time reading, something I've done for most of my life. I've watched my sisters do the same. One thing I'm perpetually grateful for is that my parents, as conservative as they are, never stopped us from reading any given book. Even when I was twelve and heavy into the Sweet Valley series.

I'll never forget the look on my mom's face when she walked into

my room one day, holding the latest book (which was only the second for Sweet Valley University). The big deal is that Jessica loses her virginity. Not exactly what every mother wants her sixth grader reading. She held up the book that I had left on the coffee table.

"You know nice girls don't do that, right?" she asked. Same as when we watched *90210*.

"Duh, mom. Who do you think I am?" I retorted.

And she left it at that. Never took the book away from me. Never told me to stop reading it. Just wanted to make sure that I knew nice girls didn't sleep around. And I appreciate that.

When I was in the tenth

grade, the topic of banning books was a hot one. Our teacher, the biggest button-pusher I know, Mrs. Harris, pulled up the PABBS (Parents Against Bad Books in Schools) web page. The Fairfax County-based group listed all the books they deemed inappropriate. Mrs. Harris showed us the list of books.

"What do you see?" she asked.

We saw exactly what we thought we'd see: almost every book we had read thus far that year. *To Kill a Mockingbird*. 1984. *Fahrenheit 451*. *Alas, Babylon*. *Lord of the Flies*.

She smiled the evilly gleeful smile we had grown to love.

Even though the curriculum wasn't in her control, we knew she got a great deal of joy in teaching books that other people didn't find appropriate for our impressionable young minds.

But she showed us another, more-complete, site. We saw all our favorite books from child-

hood. Books that changed our lives. *Bridge to Terabithia*. *Where the Red Fern Grows*. Just about anything ever worth reading.

We couldn't smile back. We were too busy yelling now.

Why would anyone deny any child the pleasure of such great works of literature? None of us were in jail. None of us were sacrificing animals/people. We were all intellectual people (well, as intellectual as sixteen-year-olds can be).

The next year, The Book for eleventh grade was supposed to be *Huck Finn*. It was always *Huck Finn*. It was the best thing to come out of a class that focused heavily on Puritan and Transcendentalist literature. But the county changed its policies on how it needed to be taught, and no one could figure out what to do. So rather than work on it, several of the teachers, mine included, decided to drop the book for the year.

So for the first time in my life, I was told I couldn't read something.

And I didn't know how to react.

After years of being able to read anything I could get my hands on, it was our school (our school!) that was telling us we couldn't read a piece of classic literature.

We could have rebelled. We could have read it anyway outside of class. Made a statement. But we were seventeen. And being seventeen is a full-time job. I've regretted it ever since.

So it was good to see my classmates at the readings this week, showing that they, too, turned out just fine after enriching their minds.

Amy Whipple
Amy Whipple
Editor-in-Chief

Retraction: The front-page article from the September 23 issue of *The Rotunda* was incorrect. The headline reading "Board of Visitors Considers 'Chartered Institution' Status for Longwood" and the first paragraph stating the same were misleading; while the topic was discussed at the Board of Visitors meeting, it is not up for consideration. We're sorry for any trouble this may have caused.
- The Ed Board

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

It broke my heart to see Niki speed away from our whole group, which was about to board the FAB to Wal-Mart.

Niki Swann, a paraplegic, was not able to go on what would usually be a cheerful trip to Farmville's "hot spot" to shop. The wheelchair lift was not operating properly that day, and there was no other alternative for getting the chair onto the bus.

The bus driver assured us that it would be fixed for her second trip, and he repeatedly apologized for the inconvenience.

Swann responded positively to the setback at first, "I mean, you would think that that sort of thing would be checked on a regular basis. But at least he tried to let me on the bus, and I could tell he felt bad that it didn't work- and naturally I assumed that it would be fixed."

The next trip she tried to make however, ended in the exact same manner, except this time, the driver was not as understanding towards her plight.

It happened to be raining that day, and Niki had to wait much longer than usual for the bus. She was also concerned about getting a prescription filled, her reason for making the trip that day.

Aside from those conditions, she was optimistic that the lift would work. This driver, however, picked up Niki's friends, and shook her head, meaning that the lift wasn't working. The woman did not even try to help her, or walk out to explain the problem.

The FAB drove away, leaving Niki stranded in the rain, "I was really upset the first time it happened, because I don't like feeling that just because I am in a wheelchair, my options are limited. When the lady wouldn't let me on, I was just really angry and frustrated. I felt like a third-class citizen. I mean, wouldn't you feel bad if you couldn't get on a bus to get a prescription because of conditions that weren't under your control?"

The wheelchair accessibility problem does not end with travel difficulties. Campus facilities such as Jarman create setbacks as well.

Spectators in wheelchairs are forced to sit in the very back, making them feel shunned and unable to enjoy the activity on stage while sometimes creating a separation between them and their friends.

The auditorium, which is up for renovation, has the perfect opportunity to change these circumstances by removing just enough row seating, in turn creating ample space for those certain students. It

is also problematic for these students to maneuver their chairs in the Dining Hall and Caf .

The arrangement of tables and chairs may feel perfectly suitable for the rest of the school population in each of these locations, but the rows in between are very crowded and closed in for someone with a wheelchair.

Their difficulties of finding a space to eat at can be decreased by expanding the floor space in between the longer tables, and by attaching a selected group of smaller tables to the wall, leaving open the perfect parking space.

Niki Swann's condition may be out of her control, but there is no excuse for the carelessness of the University, as they have overlooked a part of the campus body that is just as important as the rest.

Longwood actually has the means to control this state of affairs properly and the ability to reverse and revise such circumstances in a satisfactory and long-lasting manner.

It is truly unfair and hurtful for those impaired students when these problems are disregarded, for everyone has the right to enjoy Longwood's campus and transportation options.

-Cameron

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SGA Talks Back: Mudslinging Angers Students

April Mislan
Longwood Student

I am impressed with SGA's performance in the past two semesters for two reasons.

First, we are doing a better job being involved with issues that are more pressing to student needs, such as our attention to parking and our initiative in creating new online services for the student body at luconnect.com

In regards to last week's Commuter Welcome Back Picnic, I, individually, chose not to attend. I have a meal plan and the d-hall has better food. There are many reasons why a student may choose not to attend, one of these being class. I should also point out that our president, Alicia Moody, was at the picnic and, even had she not attended, this would not imply a lack of support for the organization.

CSA's display of apathy has made it less relevant to the needs of the student body. If the CSA representative had been present to any SGA meetings this semester, the SGA would have a better understanding of the needs of the commuter population and be able to address those needs in a more efficient manner.

If the CSA representative had regularly attended meetings last semester, they would also know that we dealt with parking issues constantly. David Starr, the chair of our physical environment committee, spent a considerable amount of his own time in discussions with Longwood administrators like Laura Rice, Dick Bradsher, Brent Douglas, Chief Lowe and Dr. Pierson over the course of the semester. If the CSA had been in meetings when he had asked for input, perhaps we never would have had a dearth of commuter parking.

If CSA used its time and its

\$10,915.00 budget in ways that cater more specifically to the needs of the student body, I may have been more apt to attend their picnic. If you would like a copy of their budget, please contact the SGA treasurer at sgatreas@longwood.edu.

I wonder if the author of the previous article is in touch with the CSA. The writer was mistaken in suggesting that the CSA's budget "included a line item for the Open Forums to discuss parking issues." I wish it had.

The previous guest writer should not have expressed anger toward the SGA for choosing to hold the Open Forum, as SGA has been proactive regarding the parking dilemma, rather than waiting for someone else to notice that there was a problem.

The Student Finance Committee invites questions regarding the interpretation of our bylaws. This is why the bylaws are online and we hold open meetings.

I feel that the SGA should seek some kind of reimbursement for that improperly used \$10,000. Anyone that spends student body money in a way that is inconsistent with the decisions of the Finance Committee should have to answer for that mistake. No SGA member was involved in making SEAL's unacceptable speaker agreement, nor should we be blamed for it.

We did not break our bylaws in allowing the SEAL reallocation. Our bylaws state that an expenditure will not be funded "if an organization has already made a commitment before funds are allotted." In this case funds were allotted before SEAL's previous advisor made an agreement committing them to the expenditure.

They overspent on a specific item and we allowed the bill to be paid to avert the threat of lawsuit or damage to Longwood's reputation. If appropriate, we will punish the group involved after the bills are paid.

If the previous guest writer had been present during all of our dis-

cussions of SEAL's expenditure, she may have written more persuasively regarding our choice to allow that reallocation. The previous article misquoted bylaw section C. 5. n. and contained incorrect information about SEAL's budget. The words "for this specific line item" appear nowhere in that bylaw and SEAL's budget did actually include money for the speaker in question in line item number 30. According to the previous Activist article, that line item did not exist. If you would like to verify this, feel free to email the treasurer and he will send you a copy of SEAL's budget.

I am also proud of SGA because we are now doing the research necessary to determine when student groups are spending money improperly. The accounting office has historically allowed groups to go into the red without notifying SGA. With the help of Morgan Atkins, the current student activity fee intern, this SGA administration has ended that practice and have begun taking steps toward preventing these occurrences from happening again in the future. We have doubled the treasury staff so that we have time to do audits and keep up with the agreements made between the SFC and those groups that come before us.

If you would like to help SGA improve the Longwood community you need to understand what is going on and then approach us with your suggestions. Every student is encouraged to come to the SGA meetings, Tuesdays in B/C rooms in the student union at 3:45. If you have a complaint, be a leader and do something about it. Mud slinging is not useful. If you are interested in parking, you should join the physical environment committee. There have been elections, and openings, for people who want to help. Rather than sit back and complain, speak up in the meetings, join a committee, or run for an office. Be an instrument of change not the advocate of obstruction.

props and drops

The Rotunda would like to encourage anyone and everyone to submit props and drops to rotunda@longwood.edu

Props:

- + To Chief Lowe for fixing parking problems.
- + To Band variety for Oktoberfest.
- + To Professors dropping the F-bomb in class.
- + To The Banned Book Reading.
- + To Egyptian Rat Screw.
- + To The Post Office for their generosity.

Drops:

- To back and forth squabbling between high ranking student organizations.
- To The Washington Redskins for dropping the ball, over and over.
- To not being able to use the "royal" we in Philosophy papers.

Speak Out

What do you plan do do this this
Oktoberfest this week?



Being a designated driver, and running a booth for my society.
-Tiffany Schivley
Sophomore



My girlfriend, and family are coming down. I also have a baseball game.
-Nick Vongersdorff
Freshman



My boyfriend and my sister are coming down, watch some bands and run our Kappa Delta booth.
-Jessica Bo-Hare
Sophomore



To spend some time with my boy friend, watch the games and go to a concert.
-Leah Corson
Freshman

All pictures by Scott Dill

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This tight budget makes it very difficult for Longwood to create new parking spaces. With more students needing to park on campus than ever before, the university has had to struggle to accommodate everyone.

Pierson stated that the increase in parking fines this semester is an attempt to raise funds in order to alleviate future parking concerns. "Longwood has not been breaking even on their parking business," Pierson said. "[this] will help meet new demands for parking."

To further muddle the issue, the Town of Farmville has rescinded many spaces it used to allot to Longwood. Most

students are unaware of the fact that many streets running through campus, such as Spruce, Race, Griffin and Franklin, are not Longwood owned.

While the Town of Farmville allows the university to use these streets for parking, it recently reallocated many spaces. According to Lowe, "We lost roughly 20 to 24 spaces just before the beginning of the semester."

Fortunately for students, a plan has been developed to help alleviate the situation. "We're hoping to address the domino effect by creating more student spaces," said Bratcher. "Chief Lowe has a reallocation plan to better accommodate students."

DVD cont'd p. 1

the jacket exclaims "and you've got one hot Amerasian beauty!"

The description of the film is coupled with helpful, censored photos of Hayama taking a bath, standing near a window and lying on a bed (something she rarely does in the film, preferring at various times a pool table, a meadow, and often the floor) all unclothed. The wedding dress mentioned on the jacket does make a brief appearance in the film, though it better resembles an average Sunday dress and is quickly shed.

Indeed most of the film consists of Hayama or, rather, Hayama's breasts, being repeatedly covered and uncovered, washed, and examined carefully by Hayama and the camera. In several "examination" shots, one reaching nearly a minute in length, Hayama's breasts are the only image on the screen.

"We don't censor," said University Librarian Wendell Barbour, who indicated that the DVD had been requested by a member of the Longwood community. Although privacy issues kept Barbour from revealing who made the request and for what purpose, he did note that all requested materials are investigated before granted.

According to Longwood's Collection Development Policy, materials to be added are generally considered under the following criteria: "relevancy to the curriculum; quality of the work; reputa-

tion of the author(s)/publisher(s); lasting value or content; appropriateness of level of treatment; strength of present holdings in same or similar subject area," and "cost."

"The DVD was requested before my arrival," said Barbour, "but I found out that it was requested by someone and that it was looked into," adding that the reasoning behind the request was found to be legitimate.

Research done by *The Rotunda* found most instances of the DVD on the Internet list it as "late-night" or "adult."

Although many of the reviews noted on the websites selling the DVD are glowing, they all refer to the mainstream film of the same name by French director Patrice Chereau, loosely based on the story for the Hayama version.

"In higher education, [libraries] have a long history of protecting a person's right to read or view what they want," said Interim Head of Reference Liz Koccevar-Weidinger. Ms. Koccevar-Weidinger pointed to the American Library Association's (ALA) "Freedom to Read" policy as one of the guides that Longwood's library follows in making decisions about collection materials.

For now, library officials have no intention of reevaluating or removing the DVD based on its content. "If it starts there," said Koccevar-Weidinger, "where does it stop?"

LU Tech Officials Clear Up Misconceptions

Shawn Garrett
News Editor

In response to an editorial that ran in the Rotunda ["Twice the Product, Half the Advertising," editorial, Sept. 8] the Rotunda has received two informative email responses from both Blake A. Duffey, LU Systems Engineer, and Dave Hooper, Director of Web Communications.

The editorial called for a more uniform template to be imposed, as well as implicating that the IT department needed to move forward on a revamping of the site.

The first email received, from Mr. Duffey, noted that it is not the IT department that is responsible for the website's content, but rather Longwood's Public Relations Department.

"The University website is maintained by the Office of Public Relations, not IT," said Mr. Duffey. "We make sure the server itself is up, accessible, and secure; the site design, content, etc. is completely controlled by PR."

The second email from Mr. Hooper went more in-depth on the causes behind and planned

solutions for the website's sub par condition.

"First of all, I agree with many issues raised in the article," wrote Mr. Hooper. "The current website as a whole is inconsistent, and the further deep you explore, the worse it gets. Many departmental pages are outdated-containing Longwood College information, old email addresses, and maybe even course details from the 90s."

Hooper went on to say that one of the main causes for this is the website's loose management structure. "What many people don't understand is that the colleges and departments maintain (and have complete control) over their own web pages. Unfortunately, because of budget reasons, this task is usually assigned to a staff member that is overloaded with other work and has little or no web design experience."

This often results in "inconsistent, outdated, and amateur-looking web pages" said Hooper, who added that while many universities in Virginia have a web-dedicated staff of 4-15 members, he is the only such staff member at

Longwood.

The following are six areas of improvement Mr. Hooper said would be addressed over the next two years:

*Departments/colleges/etc will be strongly encouraged to use the new templates (or variations), which were just launched for the Library web site;

*Current plans are to offer software to those units using the new templates that will allow easier updating and NO web knowledge;

*The top-tier level pages: will take on a similar look and feel of the new templates;

*Two additional web-dedicated staff members are being hired this academic year;

*The development of a new admissions, marketing-oriented site will begin development this semester with plans to launch in '05;

*This year, Longwood is partnering with a national marketing firm, which will result in a long-range marketing plan, a cohesive marketing brand for the university, and exciting new creative marketing products and ideas.

The organization CTH admires and takes great pride in the heartfelt, costly contribution that our alumnus has blessed our beautiful campus to share; the CTH Fountain, located between Lankford Student Union and the dining facility. Therefore, it is our duty as CTH, and yours as the student body and Longwood community to respect and honor this gracious donation by not walking through, sitting in, and/or allowing your children and pets to play in the fountain. We do not address this issue in a repugnant manner, but as our obligation to endorse the true Longwood spirit by promoting the upkeep and preservation of such an extraordinary gift.

Also, CTH challenges the BLUE & WHITE spirit in you to take on the commitment of making sure that fellow classmates, faculty, staff, and Longwood visitors show respect to not only the fountain, but the campus as a whole. Once again, this letter is in no way intended to offend, but instead to encourage. Thank you and forever uphold the BLUE & WHITE!



...Where The Neighborhood Comes Together

Casual Dining - Private Parties
Catering

Anne Simboli of Charleys Waterfront Cafe would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all this year's returning students and all of

the new freshman at Longwood! This year during Oktoberfest, Anne reminds all of you to be smart and safe. She also reminds all of you that Charleys is celebrating ten years in Farmville, and while you can always expect homemade treats such as Key Lime Tarts and Chocolate Fantasy cake, you should also be on the look out for old favorites like the Strawberry Parfait Shortcake and the Brownie Ice Cream Sundae. While you celebrate one of

ANNE SIMBOLI
Pastry Chef

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Farmville, Virginia 23901

Longwood's finest traditions this weekend, Anne urges you to stop by the Rotunda booth for one of her homemade favorites or come by Charleys. You'll be glad you did!

The World Has Turned and Left Me Here

Mandy Amason
Staff Writer

Dear Mandy,

My roommate is about to be on my last nerve! How should I deal with living with another person?

A.M.

Dear A.M.,

This is a very touchy subject but one that can be easily addressed with honesty.

But before we start, I just want to say thank you for all the comments I received on last week's column.

Trust me, I have already pissed some people off and it's only the first column.

Honesty is NOT something people are comfortable with, but you still won't find a sugar coating with me.

But thank you anyway for the support from those who truly matter.

Okay. So the roommate thing.

Yeah, lucky for me, I am rooming with my friend of two years and we have a complete respect

for each other's personal space.

Not saying that sometimes I don't want to punch her, or visa versa, but we are pretty civil.

First, you have to be very clear and honest at all times.

Lay down some concerns and talk about them, come to a medium.

If you give people respect, they will give you respect.

For example, if you have a problem with your roommate bringing her boyfriend up every weekend to ummm.... (clears throat), study anatomy in your room all day, then perhaps you can suggest to her a motel room or maybe even a cold shower.

Note: she will give you a dirty look. But at least you're being honest with her.

Second, understand that just because you are roommates doesn't mean that you have to be best friends.

So many times I see roommates clating to each other and by the second week they want to strangle one another.

Respect personal space, and yeah, if they are cool then you

will have a great time hanging out together but don't feel as though you have to be together 24/7.

Don't be a jerk and actually try to get to know your roommate.

Some people are very surprising and are really cool.

Plus, you can benefit so much from each other because they might be a Spanish whiz and you're really great at math.

Hello, can you say free tutor?

So don't think that you are better than anybody because everyone poops.

Finally, think of it as a really crappy learning experience.

You are learning to share close quarters with someone that you might not know and it helps you grow in a sense that prepares you for life.

Sometimes you are stuck in crappy situations and you just have to deal.

You walk away with two things for sure: a new friend and a deeper hate for AOL IM sounds.

Until next time boys and girls,
Mandy Amason

Life Abroad: The Ghana Journals

This year, as most years, Longwood University has students who have chosen to study abroad through the International Studies program. Through out the next several months one of these students, Katie Harrison, a Junior Anthropology major, will be sharing some of her experiences in day to day life and her academic life while she is studying in Ghana on the west African coast.

29 August '04

School was suppose to start last Monday, but there was a worker's strike (they weren't getting paid enough) so school was rescheduled to open tomorrow. However, I've just recently learned that the students are organizing a demonstration tomorrow morning and that classes will most likely not start. Apparently the students are upset at the high cost of tuition and inadequate school faculties. The international students were told not to attend the demonstration and stay in our hostels (they're not called dorms) because of the violence that could and probably will occur. Some of the other CIEE students and I are going to venture down towards the demonstration. I won't do anything stupid and if I think its too bad I will go back to my room.

On Monday I took my first trotro ride with some other girls. The trotro is basically a minivan

that looks like its about to break down, and sometimes they really do breakdown. The trotros are only suppose to hold about 10 people including the driver and his mate, the kid who takes the money once you're inside, but usually there are between 15 and 17 people crammed inside. Needless to say, it's not a pleasant ride. The seats are all different shapes and sizes and they are not fastened to the floor very well so whenever the trotro goes over a bump (which is quite often on the mostly unpaved roads) everyone has to hold on for dear life. On the way back from Accra, the trotro that I was in was rear-ended but since we were only going about 5 miles an hour the driver simply got out of the trotro ran to the back, yelled at the other driver and hopped back into the driver's side...all while the trotro was still moving. The driving abilities of Ghanaian people are something

else. Everyone uses their horn at least every 15 seconds...whether its to signal that they want over or to just yell at the other driver for cutting them off. I truly think that if I were to some how get injured during this semester here it will be because I was in a taxi or trotro that went crazy!

When walking around Accra or Medina where I went on Wednesday, I was faced with poverty that I could never have imagined. I mean if you took the poorest of the poor in America and compared it to the people living here; the poorest people in America would look quite wealthy. "Houses," if you can call them that, are built out of scraps of metal, wood, trash and I've even seen some that had leftover car parts. Families of 8 or 10 live in a tiny one-room shack. The kids play on piles of trash including rotting animal parts from goats, chickens and fish. The gutters, which are about 3 feet

These before us have challenged us to see the world at The Rotunda new challenge. We're the only Capture an instance in your life using 100 words or less that has made a lifelong impression. Please send The Rotunda with your response to any question at: otunda@longwood.edu

Carpe Diem

It happens to everyone, whether we want to admit it or not. You're walking down a sidewalk, your foot slips off the concrete, and you go flying into the air only to hit the hard ground with a "thud."

It happened to me last week while walking back from a class. My ankle gave out and I made a full tumble before landing on my back. Out of everyone walking by, one student asked if I was okay. "Fine, thanks." I pulled myself up, chuckling.

Anyone has grace enough to fall, but who has the elegance to laugh at themselves afterwards?

Sara Barkdull

I woke early (no one was up--blessed be!) and walked, detouring through the cemetery, so peaceful and somber, past ancient barely readable headstones. Some told heart-rending stories: Our Baby Girl/Born and Died 8-13-23.

There! The tiny body of a deer with fuzzy antlers, tiny and new. I don't even know how or why he died. It was so supremely sad. I was surrounded by death. I cried there under the trees. I trudged back to my room.

My family called and cheered me. It's the little things, good and bad, that enrich life.

Naomi Pearson

Note: The Carpe Diem from last week was penned by Sarah-Tyler Moore

deep and line the side of the roads, are filled with all sorts of trash, urine and feces. I'm still trying to get adjusted (as well as I can) to the level of poverty I've seen so far. I feel guilty and disgusted with myself because of how differently I live compared to the average Ghanaian.

Yesterday the CIEE program directors took all 20 of us to Cape Coast, Elmina, and Kakum National Park. We only drove through Cape Coast and saw briefly the outside of the slave castle. We actually went into the Elmina slave trading fort. It was very moving to say the least. We were shown where the female and male slaves were kept before departure to America. After that we visited Kakum where we

walked on wooden bridges across the canopy of the rainforest. It was really cool but it was a little too high up for me.

Oh, and for those of you who want to know, traveler's diarrhea has set in hard for me. It's been over a week now and I have yet to have a normal bowel movement but I'm not alone. Most of the other students are having the same problem. The food here does not range in the way of selection. If I never eat rice again it will be too soon! I have tried the local dishes fufu (corn based) and banko (cassava based) and neither of them have been very good.

August 29th will be continued in next week's edition of The Ghana Journals

Calendar

Octobe 1-7, 2004

Friday the 1st

Oktoberfest!

Color Wars!

Battle of the Bands!

Saturday the 2nd

Oktoberfest!

See the back page for
more details

Dance Concert

11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Jarmen Auditorium

Wednesday the 6th

Catholic Campus Community

8:30 p.m.

Nottaway Room

Phi Mu Alpha Founder's Day
Ceremony

10:30 p.m.

Brock Commons

Thursday the 7th

Unity Alliance

8:00 p.m.

Amelia Room

The Gyre

8:00 p.m.

Charlotte Room

PIE YOUR PROFESSOR at the *Dos Passos Review* booth during Oktoberfest. Professors include (but are not limited to) Mary Carroll-Hackett, Dr. Brock-Servais, Dr. Salyer, and Ms. Sanchez! \$2 a pie! Come out and give your favorite (or not!) professor a pie in the face!

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Tongue in Cheek
By: Ellie Woodruff

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ELMER in the TREE

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Alternative Longwood Mascots

The Peer Helpers Invite You to the Depression Program

October 6 at 7 p.m. in the Student Union C Room.

This program will help inform students of the symptoms of clinical depression, and will give them the opportunity to be screened during the National Depression Screening Day - October 7th.

COLLEGE 101

By Matt Ruedinger

GEEZ, I CANT BELEIVE I'M IN COLLEGE ALREADY. I WONDER WHAT MY ROOMATES ARE LIKE? GOOD DOWN TO EARTH PEOPLE I BET...

QUICK, YOU GOTTA GET IN HERE! TONY AN' ME SET A MATTRESS ON FIRE, WE GOTTA PUT IT OUT!

NO! NO! NO! THAT'S NOT WATER, THAT'S EVERCLEAR!

BOOM!

The First Year: A Day in the Life of a Freshman

Sara Bonovitch
Staff Writer

It's a late summer day with the mercury rising to scorching temperatures in the mid-nineties. Cars, trucks, and U-Haul trailers are backed up onto High, Madison, Venable, and Main Streets.

Boxes, large and small, outnumber the people in the lines that wrap around Curry. Even with a family of four, nine or ten trips must be made in order to get everything into the residence halls.

The heat is obviously getting to everyone, because with each trip the walk is slower and the stairs seem to have multiplied.

Thirsty students and parents journey to the row of water coolers only to discover that every last drop of water has disappeared, or evaporated, which is likely in such

heat. "Finally," she pants as she drops the last box onto the floor of her first story room in Tabb. Her roommate, barely a stranger, had made a second trip to retrieve the last of her belongings.

Almost immediately after the last box had been carried in, her parents kissed her goodbye and sadly headed on their way. In the summer heat of their un-air-conditioned room, the two girls began unpacking.

"Where do we start?" she asked her roommate. With boxes everywhere, it was difficult walking back and forth around the room.

Nearly, four hours later empty boxes filled the dumpster and their room had been assembled. The girls brought favorite pictures, stuffed animals, and other items that helped make the room as close to home as possible.

After they had settled in, a hall meeting was called.

Their RA, Craig Smith, seemed fun, but tough when he needed to be. He gave the guys and girls on the hall a rundown of the rules.

Craig warned them about parties, sex, drinking and also informed the hall to bring their asses home if they were ever drunk. "Ah, yes, the first sign that I'm really in college," she thought.

Room evaluation sheets were also handed out that informed each roommate to make a list of problems within the room. The two girls looked at each other immediately and knew the first problem: the door.

Craig said it was a minor problem, but it doesn't seem so minor when body slamming is the top method in which to open the door (this problem persisted for

another three weeks).

The first night was the hottest. Not hot as in "this party is hot," but hot as in sleep-nearly-naked hot. Showering wasn't any cooler. Taking a shower meant never fully drying off. As soon as the water would stop the humidity would hit.

The next day was filled with long, boring meetings that included honor ceremony. Just because 1,000 people repeat the pledge to never lie, steal, cheat nor tolerate those who do doesn't mean that it is followed.

It made no sense. The dining hall is an experience in itself. The lines are never ending and people are everywhere.

Roommates get separated and are MIA for about ten minutes before they find each other in the mass of people. However, the food is good. It is certainly better than any high school cafeteria.

Classes are pretty good considering the entire note taking process.

Freshmen are so used to the overhead and PowerPoint notes of high school. Reading and studying becomes a full-time job and taking naps haven't been a daily routine since toddler age.

It's been said that only freshmen wear the Longwood apparel. Longwood sweatshirts, t-shirts, shorts, and hoodies fill the dressers and closets of a freshmen hall.

So this theory could very well be proven by visiting a room. A particular room in Tabb is a good example. All in all, freshmen are adjusting.

They are adjusting to being on their own, making new friends, having a roommate, working harder, partying often, sleeping during the strangest hours, and calling Longwood home.

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Battle of the Bands

Brette Lawrence
Staff Writer

As part of the Oktoberfest weekend festivities, Longwood University will host a Battle of the Bands on Friday, October 1.

The free event, sponsored by the campus radio station, 91.3 WMLU, will begin at 4:30 p.m., and conclude with the winner being given their \$500 prize.

Additionally, the winner of this year's contest is given the opportunity to play at Bandfest, which takes place during spring weekend.

The band that places second at battle of the bands will receive a \$250 prize, and will serve as an alternate for the Bandfest performance.

This year's coordinators for the event are senior Josh Howell, junior Sam Carothers, sophomore Liz Chenery, and freshman Colin Lee.

The judges are going to be announced sometime later this week. Howell, who will be graduating this year, was the coordinator last year.

He wanted a younger generation of students to become involved so that the tradition of Battle of the Bands could be carried on after he graduates.

There will be music for all students, as the selection committee tried to pick a variety of music types including rock, hip hop and classic rock.

This year, more bands auditioned than in past years, and out of those that applied and auditioned, seven were chosen.

In order for a band to play, at least one of their members must be a full time student at Longwood.

This year's seven bands that will play at the battle of the bands are Space Heaters, Word Life, Quantum Repairmen, Jason Long, Techno chocolate, Corporate Rescue and Chowderfoot, according to Chenery.

"This year we had a lot more bands apply, so I think we're going to have more diversity and variety." After the competition has ended, rock group The Beetnix, who are headlining Friday night's concert will give their performance at 8 pm.

This concert is just the first of those that will take place during the Oktoberfest weekend.

They will be followed up by the acts that will take place on Saturday afternoon.

My Fifth Year: Getaways and Graduation

Lee French
Staff Writer

If you look at a road map of Virginia and draw a transect from Farmville through Richmond and onward to the eastern shore, that's how you get to Deltaville.

As you follow 33 East to its ultimate termination you make one turn and go straight onto a road that turns into a gravel road that turns into driveway that turns into a backyard that turns into a dock and before you the beautiful expanse of open water.

Standing there by the dock, it almost seemed hard to believe that earlier that day in the same clothes I was making my thrice weekly trek to the Wynne building located in Eastern Mongolia of the Longwood campus.

I really wasn't feeling all that academical and I really, really wasn't feeling Farmville all that much on Friday.

Thank God for Deltaville and some other fellow 5th years that just had to get away.

Salt air and a moonlight evening over water washes all the Farmville right out of you. Farmville...ha.

This place I swear, you love it and you hate it all at the same time. I'll be sad but not really all that sad when it's finally time to trace the F out.

You know I hear so many people always talking about how

these years are the best four years of your life and how you better live it up now cause once it's over it's over and it's never coming back blab la blaaa...all those people should be drug out into the street and shot!

Don't go off and build up Farmville as the best years of your life.

We tolerate Farmville and we use Longwood as a vehicle to the jumping off point for the best years of your life aka your college graduation, most do it in 4, we choose 5.

And don't let all the pointy heads around here convince you that once you graduate you have to find this career and get married and start earning all this money and procreating like there's some kind of predetermined path that you have to follow.

Think about the concept of graduating college; I've had some extra time to mull over the concept.

For the first time in 21, 22, 23 odd some years you have absolved your academic responsibilities, you have no major expenses (which is good because you probably have no money) and you've got no reason, unless you want to of course, to hang around this place ('this place' i.e. Virginia, the east coast, the United States...take your pick).

Just DON'T MOVE BACK

HOME DANGER DANGER WILL ROBINSON.

My god if at all possible don't move back home. You may or may not have realized this yet but 'home' is no longer home. Right now Farmville is home and home is a place to visit but not to live, not anymore.

Those days have long since past. So if it all possible move from here to the next thing with a pit stop back home for food and gas money.

I've got a friend moving into this house next year so she'll be the benefactor of this desk, this bed, that dresser. All this 'stuff' that I'm not going to need anymore cause it's time to explore the wild wild west. First stop, Colorado Springs then onward for the tour of the Pacific Northwest to Vancouver with the ultimate destination being Whistler Mountain, British Columbia aka the Holy Land. Career has not even entered my vocabulary as of right now.

All I think about are the girls in their bikini's snowboarding in July on the Mt. Hood glacier.

And there is nothing wrong with that.

As much as we resist our entry into mainstream America it will inevitably happen, so I say what's the hurry. It happens to the best of us.

One second we're sittin' up at the bar drinkin' some beers with

the boys and next thing you know you turn around and stepped right into a big pile of 'love' and then it's all over.

Man down man down, we've lost another to our arch nemesis the L Bomb.

Next thing you know you've pawned off your bike and skis cause wify needs new shoes for the PTA meeting or something like that.

Ok ok, so that's a bit of a gross exaggeration.

All I'm sayin' is take advantage of your unique station in life; the vast majority of the world's population will never experience nor do anything. Go do anything, but just do it for yourself.

Don't let mama dukes and papa roach talk you into grad school if that's not on your agenda.

Give yourself a break, give these two decades of formal education a chance to marinate inside your head.

Hey I've got big plans and they don't involve a masters or a PhD,

but I know that I have capitalized on this 'college experience.'

Don't get me wrong, it was fun and all but in the words of Trey Anastasio, "it's time to finally say, that this has all been wonderful but now I'm on my way."

This extra year for me is all part of the master design I'm sure.

And there's no departure quite like a departure by water.

We left my car at another house down the way when we had picked up a boat earlier that day.

So when it came time to leave I had to get back because some of my family including my grandfather and uncle, both Hampden Sydney graduates where coming into town, and we where going up to watch the homecoming football game.

Fortunately, during my return I managed to get myself so turned around in the labyrinth of interstates in the Richmond area and so frustrated that I just said screw it and drove home to Charlottesville for the afternoon.

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Monday's reading took place in the Ballroom of the Student Union, and included such titles as *The Giver* by Lois Lowry (chosen by Jake Turpin), *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis (chosen by Sarah Bowers), and *Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain (chosen by Dr. Greg Salyer). Dr. Salyer expressed his serious dislike for censors, saying, "Censors are not readers."

The second reading went on Tuesday night in the French lounge of the Colonnades, and featured *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle (chosen by Patricia Carroll), *Grapes of Wrath* (chosen by Becky Lake), and *Harry Potter* by J.K. Rowling (chosen by Fernando Olivencia).

Wednesday's reading took place in the Java Hut, 4th floor of the Cunninghams, and the

BBW was finished off with titles such as *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck (chosen by Melaina Evans), *Are You There, God? It's Me, Margaret* by Judy Blume (Jenn Dize), and *A Series of Unfortunate Events* by Lemony Snicket (chosen by Dr. McGee).

A short discussion followed Wednesday's reading, in which many people expressed their shock and amazement at the titles featured on the ALA's Most Frequently Challenged Books List 1990-2000 (<http://www.ala.org/ala/oi/f/bannedbooksweek/bbw/links/100mostfrequently.htm>).

In some cases, listeners were even inspired to read several of those challenged books after listening to some short passages.

Dr. McGee articulated his desire to continue the tradition of BBW on Longwood's campus.

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Men's Club Lacrosse Almost Ready for Business

Patrick Sullivan
Sports Editor

At 7:00pm Monday night inside of the Lankford Student Union the first meeting of what could become Longwood's Men Lacrosse Club officially began. Fourteen Longwood students met inside the Amelia Room to discuss their plans for forming a counter-part to Longwood's most dominating female sport. The club is still facing some big problems. According to Co-President Ryan Halpin, "we are still looking for an advisor." Halpin, who first started playing lacrosse when he was in fifth grade, is teaming with Ryan Vaughn, the potential organization's other Co-President, who admits with a laugh, "I play goalie because I don't like to run."

Vaughn, a transfer student from Radford, discussed how he assisted in founding the club

lacrosse team at his old school. He also expressed how much money is needed to start up a lacrosse club. The two Co-Presidents discussed possible ways of funding the starting expenses including SGA funding, player dues, and possible fund-raisers. The club is trying to keep dues low but Vaughn said, "[dues] could range from \$125 to \$350 depending on what other funds we receive."

One of the expenses that the team is facing are league dues. The club is trying to become part of the National College Lacrosse League which houses club teams from such schools as James Madison, University of Virginia, and William and Mary. "Basically any team that has a [varsity] lacrosse team has a club team," stated Vaughn. The team is also looking to face Hampden-

Sydney in what would likely become as heated a rivalry as the one that is harbored between the two schools rugby teams.

While Halpin requested that all players provide their own sticks, the club will try to provide the rest of the equipment including uniforms and helmets. The team had received a quote from Jimmy Oliver of Commonwealth Lacrosse who had worked with Vaughn in setting up the Radford team.

Vaughn and Halpin encourage anyone interested in joining to come to their next meeting. Halpin acknowledged that potential players don't need any experience to join. In addition, the organization is looking for managers to assist the team. Any students, or potential advisors, interested should email Ryan Halpin at rhalpin@longwood.edu.

Women's Field Hockey Dominates Robert Morris

Sports Information

Longwood University earned its second-straight win in field hockey Sunday, defeating Robert Morris University 5-0 in Pennsylvania.

The Lancers improved their record to 3-6 with their second road win in two days following Saturday's 3-2 triumph at Saint Francis.

Longwood will play again Saturday, October 2, back in Pennsylvania at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia.

Longwood led just 1-0 at the intermission after junior Julie Price scored an unassisted goal early in the match at 2:26.

The Lancers added four goals in the second half to secure the victory.

LU goals came from junior Sarah Hitchings at 41:27, freshman Cherie Ratte at 59:11, sophomore Katie Murphy at 61:59, and senior Lorrie Watts at 64:32.

Hitchings also assisted on Ratte's goal, while Price assisted Murphy's score, and sophomore Anne Hundley assisted on Watts' goal.

Longwood took a completely dominating 32-0 advantage in shots, and had a commanding 16-1 edge in penalty-corner opportunities.

teams like Mary Washington College.

Senior Back Laurien Moes said, "We do have a fairly new team, but I think everybody's working as hard as they can. Even our injured players are trying sometimes harder than the players that are healthy."

With the loss, the Longwood Women's Rugby Club falls to 0-2 on the season. Regardless of early season struggles, the team is confident to gain momentum against upcoming opponent Radford University.

"We've played them in the past. They usually are a good opponent," junior and Hooker Hollie

QUICK HITS

Records:

Field Hockey 3 - 6
Men's Soccer 0 - 9
Women's Soccer 1 - 8

Home Games

This Week:

Thursday

W. Soccer vs. Campbell, 7 pm

Saturday

W. Soccer vs. Liberty, 2 pm

Tuesday

W. Soccer vs. Barton, 6 pm

Players of the

Week:

Field Hockey

Julie Price, 2 goals, 2 assists

Men's Soccer

Leon Malca, 1 goal

Women's Soccer

Anne Whitmore, 11 saves

Senior keeper Julie Patterson went the distance in front of the cage for the Lancers while posting her second shutout of the season.

Robert Morris, now 0-8 on the campaign, received 15 saves from keeper Kate Dunlap who also played the full 70 minutes.

Witt said.

Veteran player Moes knows the importance of analyzing her upcoming opponent. "We will look at their positives and negatives and review our notes. They are good runners. That's something we've got to work on. They try a lot less communicating. They try more plays and that can be a problem because they don't know where they are on the field," she said.

Freshman Amanda Wilshire describes her unwavering teammates with one word: "Determination. We are determined to become better and work harder."

Men's Rugby Downs HSC

Kyle Martin
Staff Writer

"We've always beat them and it's never going to change," senior Fly Halfback Paul Weltz said after the Longwood University Men's Rugby Club defeated Hampden-Sydney College 55-0 last Saturday.

Although the team scored an impressive victory, they had their share of obstacles to overcome. Hampden-Sydney held Longwood scoreless for the first twenty-three minutes of the game and gave up just 19 points in the first half.

Senior Prop and team captain Matthew Cullerton said, "We got off to a little bit of a slow start. We just had a lot of stupid things at first including penalties and missed opportunities... we picked it up at the end of the first half and in the second half." Cullerton would lead the team, scoring two tries for 10 points in the victory.

Longwood scored 26 points in the second half to maintain and build their lead. With a comfortable margin over Hampden-Sydney, the men's team used the second half to give valuable experience to new players.

Rookie Eric Dodd, Outside Center Back and senior, scored his first career try early in the second half. "It was definitely a

cool feeling," Dodd said, recalling his experience. "Scott Zavrel broke a long run down the left sideline. Fifteen yards out, he was caught and he pitched it back to me. He did all the work. I just got all the glory for it," Dodd said.

With the win, the Longwood University Men's Rugby Club moves to 2-0 on the season, heading into a game against divisional opponent Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) this Saturday.

Senior Brandon Pitts understands how the team must adapt from Hampden-Sydney's style of play to VCU's. "We didn't have many tackles in the Hampden-Sydney game because we had the ball, but VCU will run the ball more, so tackles are more critical," Pitts said.

During their current winning streak, Cullerton recognizes the importance of team momentum. "We are steam rolling right now. Last week was 20-5. This week was 55-0. We want to keep rolling," he said.

Join the Longwood University Men's Rugby Club for their first home game of the season on Saturday, October 1. The game will be held on the field across from the Longwood University golf course and is scheduled to start at 1:00 p.m.

Women's Rugby Falls to Mary Washington

Kyle Martin
Staff Writer

The Longwood University Women's Rugby Club suffered a heart-rending 70-0 defeat at the hands of Mary Washington College last Saturday. "We're a young team and we have a lot of work to do," junior Back Kristina Johnson said after the devastating loss.

Mary Washington College attacked Longwood early and scored just two minutes and thirty seconds in the first half. The Longwood women allowed 34 and 36 points respectively in the two halves of the eighty minute contest.

"We started off bad, but we started to get better," club president and Scrum Half Mary Pruter said.

Despite a lack of offensive production, the team's defense showed promise. The club held Mary Washington College scoreless for twenty-one consecutive minutes of the first half and eighteen consecutive minutes of the second half.

Injuries and a undersized membership of around 20 players are constraints facing the club when taking on experienced

NFL Week Three

Patrick Sullivan
Sports Editor

The graves that teams are digging for themselves continue to grow deeper. Although people are not surprised by such performances out of teams like Arizona, who came out short in a kickers' duel against Atlanta, and San Francisco, who was destroyed by Seattle, other teams' lack of wins are more shocking. The Chiefs, who possessed one of the most unstoppable offenses last year, are uncharacteristically struggling this year, losing against Houston this week. Other less startlingly winless teams are the Buccaneers, who fell to Warren Sapp and the Raiders, and the Dolphins, who only managed a field goal in a loss to the Steelers.

Also surprising was the lack of rushing in a meeting between two teams renowned for their ground attacks as the Broncos edged out the Chargers. One of the most heated and recently lop-sided rivalries in football continued as the Cowboys once

again defeated the Redskins. In another lop-sided rivalry Duane Culpepper and the Vikings stomped the Bears.

The explosive offensive potential of both the Rams and the Saints were seen as New Orleans needed an extra seven minutes to finish off St. Louis. Former Ram Kurt Warner lead the Giants to a decisive victory over the Browns. The duo of Donovan McNabb and Terrell Owens continued to dominate as the Eagles demolished the previously undefeated Lions. Jamal Lewis finally returned to his old form, running all over Cincinnati in their loss to Baltimore.

Player of the Week: Payton Manning didn't need a second half, but ended up throwing for a total of 393 yards and 5 touchdowns in the Colts win over the Packers.

Game of the Week: The Jaguars continue to find ways to walk away with jaw-dropping wins as they improve to 3-0 after downing the Titans.

Men's Soccer Loses

Sports Information

Radford University took a 4-0 decision past host Longwood University in the Lancers' first home mens soccer match of the season this evening at Lancer Field. Junior Romain Maudire notched two goals in the game to help propel the Highlanders to the victory. Longwood (0-9) will be back in action Sunday for a game against West Virginia.

Radford (2-2-3) scored all four goals in the first half of the contest to earn the victory. Maudire got the Highlanders on the board 12 minutes into the game when he scored on a double assist by junior Patrick Colas and senior Sean Johnson. Johnson then assisted on a goal by Fernando Ramos at the 28:47 mark to push their lead to 2-0. Maudire and sophomore Ramon Negron closed out the scoring for the Highlanders at the 36:53 and 41:00 minute mark, respectively.

Freshman goalkeeper Matt VanOekel made a season-high 13 saves.

Julie Price Named ECAC(DI) Player of the Week

Sports Information

Junior Field Hockey midfielder Julie Price's contributions this week to her squad were priceless,

scoring two goals and assisted on two others this past week to capture two big wins. She tallied the game-winner in wins over St. Francis (Pa.) and Robert Morris. Against SFPA, she first contributed the assist on the goal to tie the game at 2-2 and then scored the game-winner at the 48:27 mark. In the 5-0 victory over Robert Morris, Price scored the first goal just 2:26 into the contest. She also assisted on Longwood's fourth goal of the game. For the season, Price is second on the squad in points (6), tied for first in goals (2), and second in assists (2).



Baseball Votes for Team in Washington

Joseph White
AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Baseball is returning to the nation's capital for the first time in 33 years, in the form of the Montreal Expos. Major League Baseball announced Wednesday the team is moving to Washington to begin play at RFK Stadium in the 2005 season.

"After 30 years of waiting and waiting and waiting and lots of hard work and more than a few prayers, there will be baseball in Washington in 2005!" Mayor Anthony Williams, donning a Washington Senators cap, told a jubilant news conference at the City Museum.

The announcement came one day before the 33rd anniversary of the Washington Senators' final game. The team moved to Texas after the 1971 season, which was also the last time a major league team moved.

"It's a day when the sun is setting in Montreal, but it's rising in Washington," Expos president Tony Taveres told a news conference at Olympic Stadium in Montreal.

Relocation of the Expos is subject to certain contingencies, including a vote by team owners in November and passage of legislation by the District of Columbia Council to build a ballpark on the Anacostia River waterfront in southeast Washington, baseball said.

"There has been tremendous growth in the Washington, D.C., area over the last 33 years, and we in Major League Baseball believe that baseball will be welcomed there and will be a great success," commissioner Bud Selig said.

The first home game will be April 15 against the Arizona Diamondbacks, according to the draft 2005 schedule that has been circulated to major league teams. The team opens the season April 4 at Philadelphia, according to the schedule.

Eager fans arrived early for the announcement in Washington. A petition was

being circulated to name the team the "Washington Grays" in tribute to the Homestead Grays, a Negro League team that played in Washington in the 1930s and 1940s.

Baseball has been looking for a new home for the Expos since the financially troubled team was bought by the other 29 major league owners in 2002.

Las Vegas; Norfolk, Va.; Monterrey, Mexico; Portland, Ore.; and Northern Virginia also made bids, but Washington clearly took the lead during negotiations over recent weeks, strengthened by its wealthy population base and a financial package that would build a new stadium primarily with taxpayers' money.

A crucial hurdle was cleared this week when baseball reached an understanding with Baltimore Orioles owner Peter Angelos, who had previously objected to having a team move just 40 miles from the Orioles' Camden Yards stadium.

Selig, in a conference call with reporters, declined to give specifics on the talks with Angelos.

"There is equity on all sides, and Peter has been treated fairly," Selig said.

Selig called the relocation an "arduous, very, very difficult" process.

"We don't want to hurt existing franchises," the commissioner said. "On the other hand, we want to go to the best place we can go to."

With the announcement made, the process of selling the Expos starts.

A group that includes former Rangers partner Fred Malek has been seeking a Washington franchise for five years. In addition, several baseball officials have said in the past week that Stan Kasten, former president of the Atlanta Braves, Hawks and Thrashers, might be trying to assemble a group.

"The sooner we have a new owner, the better off we'll all be," said Selig, adding that the new owner will decide on the team's name, uniforms and spring training site.

Plans call for a \$440 million package that would include the

new ballpark along the Anacostia about a dozen blocks south of the U.S. Capitol. The package also includes a \$13 million refurbishment of RFK, the team's temporary home. The money will come from a new tax on the city's largest businesses, a tax on baseball-related income and lease payments by the team's new owners.

Anticipating critics from those who say city funds shouldn't be used for baseball, Mayor Williams went on the offensive to promote the team's economic benefits.

"It's the team owners, business owners, the stadium users who are paying for this - and not one dime of a D.C. resident is covering this important investment in our city," Williams said.

Washington needed confirmation from baseball this week because the ballpark legislation has to be introduced in the City Council by Friday in order for it to be passed by Dec. 31, when terms expire for several pro-baseball council members.

Even now, some members of the council think the deal might not pass because it is perceived as too generous to baseball in a city that struggles to fund adequate schools and city services.

"I think everybody is excited about baseball coming to the District," Councilman Adrian Fenty said. "Very few District residents are excited about a full subsidy to pay for this stadium. ... At the end of the day, you're not going to have seven council members support it."

The original Senators played in Washington from 1901-60 before moving to Minnesota to become the Twins.

The expansion Senators called Washington home from 1961-71 before moving to Texas and becoming the Rangers.

Montreal's last home game was Wednesday night against Florida, the 2,786th for the Expos in the city, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. That includes 641 at Jarry Park, where the team started play in 1969, and 2,145 at Olympic Stadium, where the Expos moved to in 1977.

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SGA Reexamines Fund Allotment After \$9,500 SEAL Budget Shortfall

Kyle Castillo
Staff Writer

Longwood's Student Government Association (SGA) has gone back to the drawing board in recent weeks regarding certain student organization budgets, taking action to reevaluate what some have deemed questionable allocations of funds.

The action stems in large part due to a forced reallocation of \$9,500 in Student Educators for Active Leadership (SEAL) funds to sign a motivational speaker.

SEAL hired rapper and activist Chuck D. of Public Enemy to speak for the Rock the Vote campaign at Longwood on Citizen Leader Day two weeks ago.

According to Jon Miller, SGA treasurer, SEAL thought there was \$10,000 earmarked for the speaker; however that number was only \$500. The \$9,500 difference was then reallocated from other line items in SEAL's budget in order to correct for the mistake.

"There was some disconnect between SEAL and either their current advisor or their previous advisor. Someone didn't have all the information they needed," said Miller.

This assessment, however, is not entirely true, according to SEAL treasurer Amanda Hamilton.

"We came into this year with the knowledge that the previous advisor set the contract with Admire (a talent agency employed by Longwood) who then made a verbal agreement with Chuck D," said Hamilton.

According to Hamilton, although SEAL's budget was approved last year, the cost of bringing Chuck D. to Longwood was not known until two weeks ago.

whether SEAL is responsible for the additional funds, making the readjustment of their budget necessary to cover the shortfall.

Some people within the SGA's senate are of the opinion that because a student never signed an actual contract it should be the administration's responsibility to make up the \$9,500, according to Miller. It was important that Longwood honor the contract that had been signed to avoid being viewed negatively by future speakers and avoid legal ramifications, Miller added.

This issue might not have attracted so much attention if SGA economic standing wasn't already on shaky ground after starting this year with a focus on last year's \$500 deficit.

"Normally groups that overspend are balanced out by those who underspend," said Miller. "In previous administrations, I don't think they looked too closely because things were working out. But I've been looking closer because it's not okay for groups to go into debt. The fact is, when they go into debt, and we don't even look, it never affects them. It only affects the student body as a whole."

Groups reallocating money last year for unapproved purposes led to overspending and violated SGA policy, but SGA has been unsure of what action to take. There are a couple of options, according to Miller. The finance committee can cut future budgets for those organizations, or the SGA can force monthly finance meetings to ensure that the organizations will be legally bound to spend only the amount they are given on what they are given the money for.

Some of the problem is a lack of communication between the groups.

The question at hand is

See BUDGET p. 4

Reallocation of New Student Parking Spaces

Initial Space Allotment:

	Decals:	Spaces:
Faculty/Staff:	569	549
Commuter:	759	490
Junior/Senior:	567	405
Sophomore:	455	418
Freshman:	44	45

Revised Space Allotment*

	Decals:	Spaces:
Faculty/Staff:	569	499
Commuter:	759	518
Junior/Senior:	567	**466
Sophomore:	455	379
Freshman:	44	45

*All changes are effective October 11th, 2004.

**Spaced freed up for Junior/Seniors in Wynne Lot are also available for Commuter use.

Following weeks of increasing student demand, University officials have reallocated 50 Faculty/Staff parking spaces. Junior/Seniors were given 21 new spaces and Commuter students received 28.

"It's a difficult situation, and there are a lot of strong emotions attached to it. We're going to do our best to meet everyone's needs as efficiently as possible." ~Chief Charles Lowe

Renovations Bring New Professionalism to LCVA

New lighting, heating and cooling systems will add to gallery experience

Ashley Dow
Staff Writer

The Longwood Center for the Visual Arts (LCVA) is currently undergoing a major renovation project to upgrade its facilities and provide a state-of-the-art gallery space to better accommodate the many art exhibits, poetry readings, lectures and children's art workshops held there annually.

Upon the completion, the facility will have a new floor, elevated ceilings that will be painted black, new windows, new lighting, more bathrooms, a new heating and cooling system, a classroom and an elevator.

The LCVA has been located at 129 North Main Street since 1993.

The facility, built in 1968 has undergone many transformations to take away

the reminders of the Roses department store that was once located there.

However, the facility currently does not have all of the modern conveniences of a professional art museum.

The renovation of the LCVA

updated to look and feel like a more modern and professional art museum," said Johnson Bowles, Director of the LCVA. "We want our students and visitors to feel like Longwood has a great art museum."

The money to renovate the center came in part by a grant from the Mary Morton Parson Foundation in Richmond.

In 2002, the foundation presented the LCVA with a challenge: to raise \$400,000 and in return the foundation would give them \$200,000.

The LCVA exceeded the challenge and raised \$580,000 from private donors, alumni and businesses. When the LCVA reopens, a party will be thrown in honor of the

donors as well as an auction to raise additional funding.

See LCVA p. 4



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Photo by Ashley Dow

began in August and will be completed in February of 2005.

"The facility needs to be

Words from the Assistant Editor: Thank You!



For the past couple of weeks, it is apparent that one issue has been on the minds of faculty and students alike: parking. Everyone has been talking about it. Being a commuter student myself, I know just as well as everyone else the distress students experience driving to campus.

Parking is a problem that everyone is dealing with: faculty, staff, students, visitors, and parents. While certain groups are more directly effected (especially us students!), we are all feeling the tremors of this situation.

However, I have got to give props to parking services, Chief Lowe, and all the administration who have been so diligently working on this problem.

I have approached probably every major administration office on this campus with some sort

of complaint and concern, and I have to say, while cooperation has always been given, I have never been received with such a helpful and informative attitude as I have when dealing with the parking issue.

When I first emailed President Cormier concerning this matter, she emailed me back within 24 hours. While her email explained that she was not the best person to go to with my problem for direct action, she gave me the contact information for someone who could better help me: Chief Charles Lowe. She also made it a point to express to me that if I did not get the help that I needed from him, she would like to be contacted and would make it a point to meet with me. That was two weeks ago, and as of earlier today, I have been in constant contact with him and the office of Public Safety on a daily basis.

Since day one, Chief Lowe

and all of the Public Safety staff have been nothing but helpful and willing to work with my schedule. My problem was immediately recognized, addressed with the student body and SGA, and productive measures have been taken.

Many times we tend to get caught up in the problem at hand and are so busy being mad that we forget to look at the whole picture objectively. I know that the situation is frustrating; that every time you go to park and can't find a spot you wonder why you even bother, and that \$50 parking tickets sitting on your windshield is the worst part of the day. Be mad, be upset, ask questions, but take a minute to

think about everything that is going on.

Administrators in charge of parking have taken initiative and freed 50 faculty and staff parking spots, which I am so thankful for! (see front page) Fifty spots is quite a bit of space, and I admire and respect the administration for taking our complaints and concerns and making them a priority.

I know when it comes to certain issues, students feel like making complaints and trying to make a difference is a waste of time and energy, but let this be an example to the student body. They are listening. The administration is not always against us, and if we unite as a group on any

given issue, we will be heard.

Our complaints are definitely not falling on deaf ears. We are being heard, and those who have the power to change policy are doing so.

On behalf of the students and everyone else who has been dealing with this on-going problem, I would like to say thank you. Thank you for the dedication and attention that the student's parking issues has received. It has not gone unnoticed.

Bobbi Thibo

Bobbi Thibo
Asst. Editor

The Tale of Jesus The Goldfish

Tanner Keith
Opinion Editor

made one on my first shot.

So, I picked a healthy, orange looking, minnow sized, aquatic companion.

I didn't feel like shelling out five bucks for a crappy little container, so I decided I would figure that out later.

The goldfish didn't seem to enjoy the trip back to the room in the small plastic bag, as I could hear him screaming.

When I got to the room, I had a stroke of genius.

The top of my CD-R package would make a great fishbowl, as some friends of mine, Pat and Brian, had used their entire case as a home for their pet cicada, George, now deceased.

So, I dumped him into the new fishbowl, and pondered on his name.

What type of name would fit this new member of my small corner of the universe?

I considered Charlemagne, but that was too long.

Poseidon seemed to nerdy, and a goldfish named Nipple just was not right.

So, after much debating, I decided on Jesus.

Yes, Jesus the Goldfish.

To celebrate his initiation, I fed him half of a four-cheese Cheez-it.

Jesus did not find the Cheez-it appetizing.

He looked tired, so it was time

for his nap.

I sat Jesus' bowl in front of the stereo speaker, and played some soothing music for him.

He appeared to fall asleep, because goldfish, as we all know, sleep on their side.

Later in the day, when someone asked me if he was alright, I told them that Jesus had a long day of swimming, and was all tucked out.

When I awoke that Sunday morning, actually around noon, or a little after, Jesus seemed to be doing some kind of dead fish impression.

Not really, Jesus was dead.

Really dead.

Really belly-up, dead Jesus the Goldfish dead.

Saddened, I did the only thing that was right.

We sent him on his way to heaven, after holding a service in the small suite bathroom.

We weren't exactly sure how to go about it, as Jesus the Goldfish was Jewish.

Shawn seemed to be confident that on Tuesday (the third day) Jesus the Goldfish would not return.

Alas, as much as we believed, he did not.

Jesus is dead.

So ends Oktoberfest, the lesson learned is that life isn't fair my freinds, it isn't fair at all.

R.I. P. Jesus the Goldfish.

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The Rotunda is an equal opportunity volunteer organization and is looking for people who are interested in writing or layout. We currently have positions available and ask anyone who is interested to come to our meetings, Mondays at 9:15 p.m.

Oktoberfest weekend has come and gone, perhaps leaving with me some of the best lessons I have ever learned.

Friday brought us Battle of the Bands, a truly diverse experience.

While the bands didn't exactly battle, they did give decent performances, even when most of the crowd left because of the rain.

Being a judge for battle of the bands, entitles one to the hospitality table behind the stage, complete with bags of candy screaming, "stuff me into your pockets," plus the company of Walter and Jennifer throughout the day.

Saturday however, yielded a profound lesson.

As I spent most of the day making grilled cheese sandwiches on a George Foreman Grill for the Rotunda Booth, I was able to get a break around 3 o'clock.

During my break from press burning bread and the cheapest of cheap American cheese, I took some time to see the other booths.

One booth caught my eye, and not because of the organization, because I can't remember exactly which one it was.

I did happen to notice, however, a large tank of Goldfish.

You paid a dollar, and threw a ping pong ball into a cup to win a goldfish.

Not to sound arrogant, but I

“If you're not mad, you're not paying attention!”

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Automatic Responses Induce Vomiting

Away messages serve as expressions of unrequited love

Sarah-Tyler Moore
Staff Writer

Physical symbols of love are inevitable no matter what culture they appear in: the wedding band, red roses, the bindi; a red dot married Indian women put on their face, and the away message.

The away message?

Picture this: it's a late

Sunday night and I have a paper due at 8 a.m. Monday morning that I haven't even begun to think about.

As the ever dedicated student I pretend to be, I boot up my laptop with every intention of spitting back every thing I know about the Industrial

Revolution in a Word document.

Hopefully, it will be just in time to grab about five or six hours of sleep.

Unfortunately, the little yellow and blue AIM icon in my desktray at the bottom right corner of my screen is just too tempting.

So, I sign on and immediately right click on the miniscule yellow pads of paper beside everyone's screen name to read every away message in hopes of prolonging my paper just a minute longer.

Admittedly, I should focus my attention in a more beneficial way, but sometimes reading what other people are doing even if it always says the same thing: “sleep,” “class,” “out,” has become addicting.

I'm unsure if it was my mounting irritation with my

chronic procrastination or perhaps the absurd lack of sleep from Friday and Saturday night, but when I saw the following away message: “Only 5 weeks, 6 days, 4 hours, 5.2 minutes...I love you!!!!!!”, I wanted to scream.

As if the statement was not nauseating enough, these proclamations of love via away message are almost always in some rainbow-col-

Most of the time, it was detailed in gel pen no less.

It's ironic that colorful online away messages are the electronic equivalent for college students.

Have we really made such little progress in maturity?

Putting up such away messages implies, whether intentionally or unintentionally, that you are immature and not only that, you wish to project that fact.

If professing love for some one on an away message is meant to be a special, shared act, then it does not make sense for it to be broadcast publicly.

If a person is in a relationship with another person, their friends tend to realize the fact.

They spend time together.

They hold hands, they talk on the phone

ad infinitum.

They probably leave sappy away messages full of mush.

Other people know when you are in a relationship.

They know when you love some one, you do not need to make this any more clear by putting up an away message saying so.

It is infinitely more meaningful to talk to your boyfriend or girlfriend about how excited you are to see them, or how much you love them, instead of sharing your feelings with the entire World Wide Web.

Please do not misunderstand, I am happy whenever I get to see my boyfriend, or when my friends spend time with their significant others.

However, when you put up an away message professing your undying love, you are unconsciously sending a message of immaturity and ironically belittling the very

props and drops

The Rotunda would like to encourage anyone and everyone to submit props and drops to rotunda@longwood.edu

Props:

- + To Jesus the Goldfish, may he rise again.
- + To everyone who made Oktoberfest great.
- + To the “I <3 Lucinda” Club.
- + To Doctor Bates for “selling” class out early.
- + To The Gyre finally coming out.
- + To field hockey playing their only home game.

Drops:

- To the cold weather.
- To mid-terms coming up.
- To fleas in the Farmville area.
- To Atlanta, for being worse than Houston.
- To sappy away messages and profiles.

Speak Out

What did you enjoy about Oktoberfest?



I enjoyed the cookout atmosphere, combined with the Battle of the Bands.
-Eric Hamilton
Sophomore

I got to meet Stacy, the lead singer of American Hi-Fi. I had my picture taken with him and he signed the back of my shirt.
-Kristie Lundi
Sophomore



I enjoyed coming out and seeing the bands, especially American Hi-Fi
-Mark Summa
Senior



We liked the bands and color wars! Red rocks!
-Brandon Wiggs
and
Traley Turner
Freshmen



All pictures by Will Parris

AudioVisual Communication Technologies (ACT) replaces AV Club

Press Release

The former Audio-Visual Club of Longwood University now has a new name, new face and a veritable plethora of opportunity to motivate and energize the student body.

Coined by the new President, James Barbour, ACT which stands for AudioVisual Communication Technologies is the broadened and developed 2004 version of the former AV Club.

The overhauled personnel infrastructure of ACT has more active members operating in a classifiable position which has alleviated the workload and responsibilities tremendously of any one individual.

There are three major divisions

of ACT: the Executive Board, the Staff and the individual Production Teams.

"I think that this internal separation of powers and focus has been one of the leading contributors of this recent boom in organizational efficiency," stated the Personnel Officer and former President James French, "Though I never expected for it to become what it is today."

The Executive Board can now focus exclusively on SGA dealings, budget work and fiscal management. Jon

Halverson, a Finance major, was recruited as Treasurer to handle accounting needs.

The Staff which communicates to but operates independ-

Rotunda. PR Reps represent ACT at organizational meetings such as the Council of Organizations at Longwood (COOL) and then provide briefings at the following

Executive and Staff meetings, as well as philanthropy coordination and community service engagements. The Leadership Development Officer focuses exclusively on new member training, recruit-

ment and assists in public relations. Now individual Production Teams, which also meet independently, can finally focus on a single objective, which of course would be project completion.

The organization has an amazing Documentary/ Expeditionary

Film Team that prides itself on their ability to shoot video anytime, anywhere.

"We've shot footage while rappelling off the top of Stony Man in the Shenandoah National Forest for an upcoming Outdoor Education promotional video; helmet cam footage hitting dirt jumps with big hit mountain bikes, even underwater, 130 feet down on the underwater super structure of a TVA dam during diving operations conducted over two weekends last fall at South Holston, Tennessee," French states proudly. "It was because of those projects this club has really taken off."

The organization hopes to reach out to students by offering the chance to get some experience in broadcasting and media production while pursuing their own particular interests. The expanse of scope within the organization has broadened so much today, media production in and of itself is now just one element of the big picture of ACT.



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Last year some student groups were given this year's budget money on accident, resulting in a deficit appearing when there shouldn't be one.

Miller admitted that some unwise decisions were made.

"There are some things I just wish we wouldn't have done, such as: I wish we wouldn't have sent the political science club to Hawaii last year. They wanted to study the unique political situation that exists (there)."

Past mistakes have led to close questioning this year for new requests. On October 5th the Lancer Alliance received \$4,000 for eight people to attend a conference in Chicago which amounts to \$500 per person. This may be viewed as a questionable move by some when the goal of the SGA is to distribute funds primarily to causes that benefit a large portion of the student population.

SGA is also revisiting some decisions about money distributions. At Tuesday's meeting, SGA put The Camerata Singers' request on hold. They had been approved for \$12,300 to hire a professional orchestra to collaborate with them in a concert. The proposal was \$8,300 more than their entire budget from the previous year.

Approval came, albeit with a mandate that a five dollar ticket charge be put in place.

Miller states that he is happy with the direction that the SGA finance committee is taking.

"It used to be that none of these things were really mentioned, (how much money was left in the budget), not even in the finance committee. It was always that we got just enough to cover it...and that was all the committee did. This year the committee is getting as much information as we can get."

Despite having spent 85 percent of the current \$530,000 budget, Miller said that "this shouldn't be all that much of an unusual year (economically)."

He said that the problem is not that much worse than in previous years, only now people are aware of it.

"I encourage all comments and criticism" says Miller who can be reached via e-mail at sgatreas@longwood.edu

He states that despite the current problems, the SGA is primed to run out of money around the end of the year, which is typical. If that is the case then many of the past problems may be forgotten. Until then however the SGA might face continuing criticism

ently of the Executive Board is a totally new addition to the organization. They manage internal operations and public relations.

Included on the Staff are some brand new positions, the Director of PR with subordinate PR Reps to manage all outgoing press and serve as our liaisons with the

LCVA cont'd p. 1

During the renovations, the LCVA has been developing new ways to use the university's art collections.

"We needed to find a way to preserve our collections for educational purposes," said Bowles. "We are now displaying our collections throughout the buildings on campus for the enjoyment of students, faculty and staff."

When the renovations are complete, the LCVA will be able to offer students a greater venue for displaying their achievements.

"Starting in the fall of 2005, all senior art exhibits will be at the LCVA," stated Bowles. "This will provide students will a professional show and display their work in an appropriate way."


In addition to providing a forum for student work, the LCVA will continue to host guest artists to create sculptures for Brock Commons. All four pieces currently on Brock Commons are on loan to the university from each artist. The pieces will only remain for two years and then will be replaced by new sculptures. On October 25th a new sculpture

will be added near the Hull building.

When the sculptures were first added to Brock Commons, the LCVA received harsh criticism about the designs. The reaction was exactly what the center wanted.

"It doesn't matter if students like or dislike the sculptures," explained Bowles. "What we want is for them to talk about the art and how it makes them feel." In the future, Bowles hopes that student and faculty sculptures will be

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...Where The Neighborhood Comes Together...

Casual Dining - Private Parties - Catering

Anne and the staff at Charley's hope that you had a great Oktoberfest and wish the BEST OF LUCK on your upcoming midterms!

Anne would like to take this time to tell all of you about **Wednesday Night's Italian Buffet**. For more than five years, Anne, Charley's, and Trey Eppes have been bringing the Farmville community and students great food and great music which enables you to celebrate great times with great friends! Offering a pasta bar complete with salad and bread and the smooth guitar sounds of Trey Eppes, Charley's is the best place for you to come together with your

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Vice President Cheney, John Edwards Meet Twice This Week

U-Wire

(U-WIRE) RALEIGH, N.C. - In the only debate between the two vice presidential candidates, each gave arguments as to why the top of their ticket should be president while also painting an image that they are fit to hold the nation's second most powerful office.

Sitting at separate desks, Vice President and Washington veteran Dick Cheney and Sen. John Edwards, the Democratic vice presidential candidate gunning for the office, went head-to-head at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio Tuesday night.

Moderated by Gwen Ifill, a correspondent with PBS' "The News Hour with Jim Lehrer," the free-ranging, 90-minute forum's first question centered on the main issue of the presidential debate last week; the war in Iraq.

From the get go, Cheney, answering the first question, said that he had no regrets about the administration's policy on Iraq.

"What we did in Iraq was exact-

Hussein is in jail, his government is no longer in power," he said.

Edwards, a 1974 NCSU graduate, quickly criticized the vice president, saying he was "still not being

Iraq, saying that "you probably weren't there to vote for that." He also drove after Edward's positions on the campaign trail during the primaries, saying that he

stood steadfast and did not waiver at all. He showed that the Kerry/Edwards position has been inconsistent."

Melissa Price of the College

Democrats also agreed that both candidates gave a strong showing but that "they both focused on bashing each other and I wanted to hear more plans. I definitely thought that Cheney was incredibly frustrated -- he was spouting out numbers and that was great but that did not connect to the people. Edwards is a great communicator," she said.

Just six days removed from the presidential debates last week, the Democratic ticket, previously



ly the right thing to do. If I had it to recommend all over again, I would recommend exactly the same course of action. The world is far safer today because Saddam

straight with the American people."

Continuing to stay on the offensive, Edwards mirrored a stump speech he gave in Raleigh two weeks ago, calling "Iraq a mess," while adding that prominent Republicans including John McCain and Chuck Hagel also questioned the progress in that country.

Citing yesterday's report by the U.S.'s former top-ranking official in Iraq, Paul Bremer, Edwards said that "they didn't have enough troops to secure the country. They also didn't have a plan to win the peace. They also didn't put the alliances together to make this successful. We need a fresh start."

Throughout the debates the candidates attempted to erode the other's credibility, with Cheney attacking Edward's lack of experience and painted him as one wavering in political winds, while the Senator said that the administration was the wrong kind of experience that the nation needed.

At one point, Cheney hounded his opponent on what he said were incorrect figures on the cost of

changed his position from being for the war in Iraq to against it because of the then surging Howard Dean.

"He can't stand up to Howard Dean," the vice president said, "How can he stand up to al Qaeda?"

Cheney further said that people trusted him because, "I don't have any further political aspirations myself." While also repeatedly stressing that a vice president should be fit to take the presidency at a moment's notice.

Edwards harshly questioned the past four years saying that a "long record does not equal good judgment."

Repeatedly, Edwards, the former lawyer, brought up questions regarding Halliburton, Cheney's former company, now embroiled in a number of litigations over overcharging the government for services in Iraq.

After the debate, Bryce Ball, chairman for Students for Bush, said that though he thought both candidates did a good job, the vice president came out on top by responding "very confidently. He

running a laggard race, moved up in the polls to a razor-thin gap between the two campaigns within days after what many said was a strong performance by Sen. John Kerry. The CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll reports that the two campaigns have swung from a six-point gap last week, down to a dead heat this week after the debate.

Though historically vice-presidential candidate debates never make or break a campaign, how the candidates fared in last night's debates in voters minds over the next few days could continue to fuel the upswing seen in the Kerry campaign, or stumble and hold its momentum.

One of the key battleground states, Ohio with its 20 electoral votes, is a hotly contested state for both campaigns. No Republican candidate has ever taken the presidency without winning the state.

The debate is the only one between the two candidates. The presidential candidates will meet once again Friday, Oct. 8 for the second time.

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displayed on Brock Commons.

The LCVA wants to involve students in the creation and debate of art. A program called the blurring of the arts, reaches students from many different points of view and disciplines. The program includes a student exhibition and an open mic poetry discussion.

"The blurring of the arts is a wonderful program for students," said Bowles. "It gives the students a place to freely discuss art without judgment."

All university students are members of the LCVA and can attend programs offered by the center. Many programs are free, but students receive a discount on events that have a

fee. Students can sign up for Adobe Photoshop workshops, craft projects and tours of historic landmarks.

Students also have the opportunity to volunteer at the LCVA's Children's Art Center creating art projects with local children. This month the theme is "bring your own pumpkin." Various crafts will be made using all or parts of a pumpkin at each workshop.

The volunteer opportunities, cultural enrichment, educational programs and image of the LCVA will be strengthened by the renovations. "The strength of the LCVA lies in the variety of its programs offered to the University and the community," stated Bowles. "Through our programs we want to remind students that Longwood is a special place and we all have a legacy to leave behind."

My Fifth Year: Farmville Alive During Oktoberfest

Lee French
Staff Writer

Let's talk about Oktoberfest.

Together with its Spring Weekend brethren the following semester, for two weekends each year Farmville is actually a fun place to be.

Not that we don't have fun the rest of the time, but these are the weekends that all you're buddies and girlfriends that you ever knew drop what they're doing, rush down to Farmtown and pack into tight quarters hostel style.

Diets tend to be focused predominantly within the barley &

ale section of the food pyramid and you run around in a field like a fool with a bunch of other fools as well.

The police are out in force, but the ratio of cop to drunkard is so incredibly disproportionate during these weekends that the statistical likelihood of an encounter is significantly diminished.

So, it's a great time for everyone to kick back and let loose.

And this year was no different than years past.

As I return from class and turn the corner onto my street, I can already see the massing of

fellow students at my place of residence, which can signify only one thing, the presence of a keg.

And so the mayhem ensues. I myself am not really a big drinker anymore but I defiantly always avail myself of the opportunity to get on my face at least once when Oktoberfest rolls through town, especially when people start throwing kegs of beer on my front porch.

But at the same time I'm thinking to myself, while looking skyward to the sun and shadows deducing that it's approximately 3:07 in the after-

noon, knowing full and well that once I get started, the biological countdown to my ultimate demise once initiated cannot be reverted.

Knowing this, only one thing will save me, an escape and a hasty escape at that.

Do I have anything else that I need to be doing?

Of course not but that's ok; I'll just make something up.

It works and I get away cleanly along with some trail building equipment in our hallway (leaving a chainsaw and axes lying around the house on a weekend such as this would be just asking

for it).

Instruments of destruction secured and a few more hours past, I venture home to find all hope long since lost for my fellow man.

At this point resistance is futile.

Nothing is more irritating than being the sole sober person in a sea of drunkards; might as well join 'em.

And so we join the masses but I at least was able to hold off for a little while.

Official start time, circa 5 p.m.

Oh well, what can you do?

The First Year: Oktoberfest, A Whole New Experience

Sara Bonovitch
Staff Writer

Crisp, newly fallen leaves line the streets of Farmville.

Refreshing autumn breezes blow through dorm windows. Students walk to and from morning classes in no less than jeans and hoodies.

All seems to be peaceful at Longwood, but if you listen closely you can hear the screams of students, the battling of bands, and school spirit running rampant around campus.

These are true signs that Oktoberfest weekend has begun at Longwood.

For most students, Oktoberfest is a weekend like no other.

Freshmen in particular are excited for the festive weekend. They have been preparing all week long for the weekend's activities.

Though many freshmen did not partake in the week's spirit days, they were armed and ready at Friday's Color Wars.

Those fighting in the name of red greatly outnumbered the green team and gave it all they had.

Though the green of sophomores and seniors defeated the red, freshmen spirits were

not dampened.

With green paint dying their clothes, hair, and faces, the first year students headed straight to the Battle of the Bands to cheer on their talented friends.

While most freshmen sat around deciding what to do for the night, Craig Smith's freshmen hall primped and prettied up for the BSA Hollywood Nights Ball.

Girls and guys alike dressed up and danced the time away.

Other freshmen joined their classmates to party the night away at various parties.

The much anticipated Saturday arrived quickly.

Freshmen and their guests wandered about campus enjoying the picnic, live bands, and the overall fun of Oktoberfest.

Punk fans rocked out to the music of Homegrown, Dierks Bentley brought Nashville to Farmville, and American Hi-Fi brought the night to a close.

Freshmen thoroughly enjoyed themselves and had as much school spirit as any other Longwood class.

And as freshman Abby Hankins put it, "if you weren't at Oktoberfest 2004, you weren't having fun."



Lambda Alpha Fraternity

The Delta Chapter of the Lambda Alpha national fraternity has been instated at Longwood University this year. The organization is the national collegiate honors society for Anthropology. The name is derived from the first letters of the Greek phrase, Logos Anthropolou, which translates to "the study of man". In our charter year, the Lambda Alpha chapter here at Longwood will stimulate and encourage scholarship in the field of Anthropology.

Left to right: Kristen English, Will Pettus, Crystal Cleardy, Terry Johnson, Katy Bowen, Genevieve White, and Dr. Doug Dalton. Not pictured Susan South, Katie Harrison. Six alumni were also inducted as members. They are Lisa Bentley, Kathleen Dehart, Amanda Hale, Dale Ross, Margaret Waugh, and Carrie Weilan.

Indigo Girls Show Just How Down to Earth They Are

U-Wire

With heavenly harmonies and potent politics, Amy Ray and Emily Saliers took the stage at Kingsbury Hall Friday night ready to honor themselves and their cause.

More commonly known as the Indigo Girls, the duet has been projecting more than their voices on their recent tour, "Honor the Earth."

The treasure of the Indigo Girls, who started their career in Atlanta around the early 1980s, is the contrast between Ray's throaty, aggressive surge and Saliers' sweet, harmonic overtones. Over the years, their lyrics have continued to embody a balance of intelligent metaphors and accessible themes with slight political undertones.

Friday night's show wasn't what one might come to expect of a contemporary "big name" show -- it was more akin to a gathering of diversity and

minorities to feed on some brain food discussions and enjoy a little music for dessert.

In addition to entertaining thousands of loyal fans, the Indigo Girls armed themselves with a greater purpose, one that can reach a "critical mass," according to Ray. Through this tour, the Girls are hoping to raise awareness and cultivate petition signatures in favor of justice for American Indian cultures.

Without introduction, the Indigo Girls sauntered onstage. Stepping up to the front of the stage, they announced the presence of Winona LaDuke and prominent members of the Skull Valley Reservation Environmental Agency.

These guests spoke passionately to a clearly liberal crowd. LaDuke emphasized that "it is our responsibility to care for that which we are given," clearly outlining their proactive agenda for American land, the environment, and nature.

All of these efforts have been in lieu of their common goal for justice and equality for members of the Skull Valley community. Yellow petition forms were passed through the audience, signed, and collected, asking legislators not to allow nuclear waste onto the reservation.

LaDuke and the Indigo Girls also addressed the heated local argument of Amendment No. 3, a proposed constitutional amendment defining marriages between men and women. LaDuke, an outspoken gay-rights activist, noted that, "you don't need a constitutional amendment to tell you who should marry whom."

Eventually, the Girls returned to stage to take their much-anticipated role as artists, not politicians. Their vocal range and power was complimented by their amazing talent as guitarists. Requiring no back up band, the stage was dark other than the two women with guitars, their amps and microphones, and a table

with a few bottles of water.

Their live-show audience connection was astounding. Fans shot out of their seats to dance and sing. Saliers, beaming with energy from her crowd, knew what she had on her hands by the raucous response to "You feel like singin', ya'll?" She then turned her microphone to the raging crowd for a full verse of their popular tune, "Power of Two." Other favorites included "Least Complicated," and "Get Out the Map."

While their voices and the guitar skills were untouchable, the Girls themselves were not. They took a break and, unlike most pop stars who elusively hide away in their dressing rooms, the Indigo Girls came down the stairs into the audience. After hand collecting their yellow petitions in large baskets, they returned for a second set.

Ray claimed they "got a request out there," and so digressed from their planned

song list to honor their fans, beginning a string of set highlights for the rest of the show, including Ray's somber solo, "Cordova," and the campfire-toned audience belting out summer camp staple "Closer to Fine."

The Girls' independent sensibilities, musical talents, and iconoclastic personalities have made them one of the most respected roots/folk groups both in and out of the mainstream light. And their energetic, charismatic show-brought clear ideas to light.

Chief among them as a politically active group is they know how to back up all that talk. They made their cause viable without overkill. They took action in their cause.

Finally, in terms of being proficient in knowing about nature, the Indigo Girls know how to plant, nurture and cultivate more than just trees: Their career and place in music history just keeps blossoming season after season, and it's hard to argue against it.

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ABC Rooms

Open Mic Night
10:00 p.m.
Lancer Cafe

Saturday the 9th

Band: TBA
8:00 p.m.
Lankford Ballroom

Monday the 11th

How to Prepare for an Interview
5:00 p.m.
Lancaster 139

Various LP Committee Meetings
8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
LP Office
(all meetings held in the LP office, unless notified)

Tuesday the 12th

How to Prepare for an Interview
4:00 p.m.
Lancaster 139

Wednesday the 13th

Catholic Campus Community
8:30 p.m.
Nottaway Room

How to Prepare for the Diversity Career Day
7:00 p.m.
Lancaster 139

Thursday the 14th

Finding an Internship
4:00 p.m.
Lancaster 139

Unity Alliance
8:00 p.m.
Amelia Room

The Gyre
8:00 p.m.
Charlotte Room

Tongue in Cheek

By: Ellie Woodruff



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COLLEGE 101

By Matt Ruedinger



The World Has Turned and Left Me Here

Mandy Amason
Staff Writer

Dear Mandy,

After this past Oktoberfest, I have realized that I need a great remedy for hangovers.

J.T.

Dear J.T.,

Hangovers blow don't they?

I know that you are not the only one concerned with this issue seeing that I live in Stubbs and watch all these girls come in on Friday night, to puke in the trash, room or better yet, on their roommate's beds.

So here are a few tips to try and avoid a hangover. One, eat something before you start partying.

This is really important because then you will actually throw up something other than bile later on.

Also, it helps absorb some of the alcohol so you won't be so belligerent.

Second, stay away from exceedingly sugary drinks because they are easier to drink more of and they seem to leave the most wicked hangovers.

Third, drink lots of water in between drinks AND right before you go to bed.

This way you are hydrated and less likely to want to puke all over yourself when you wake up the next day.

In the morning, take some Tylenol, chill out for awhile and watch TV.

This way, you don't show up to work or class acting like you are still blitzed.

Most importantly, know a decent limit for yourself and for your friends.

This not only saves your liver when you're old and cranky, but it can save you or a friend's life.

You don't have to always drink to have a great time.

As a matter of fact I sometimes take great pleasure in watching my friends act like total morons and say the most retarded things. I once had a friend tell me she wanted to take a sign language class to learn Braille.

You figure it out. So be responsible, don't drink and drive, and do catch it on video for the future to prove to your kids why drinking is bad m'kay.

Until then boys and girls,

Mandy Amason

If you would like to write to Mandy for some advice, please email the Rotunda at rotunda@longwood.com and in the subject as **ADVICE COLUMN QUESTION**. Thanks!

Please be sure to leave a full address in the mail. We at The Rotunda will challenge you to be the same. Capture an instance in your life using around 100 words or less that has made a lasting impression. Please email The Rotunda with your responses or any questions: rotunda@longwood.edu

Carpe Diem

They say that patience is a virtue, but I have always considered it something that one acquires. I was patient this summer, while I waited, not knowing what to expect, for someone to come back. Someone I felt so connected to for such a brief period of time. And even when he came back, I still waited, wondering if I should call him or find a way to see him, because I'm a dumb girl who wears her heart on her sleeve. I am so glad that I swallowed my pride and I found a way to see him, because I honestly don't know what I would have thought of myself had I not. I guess what I'm trying to say is that if you have the choice of sitting on the sidelines or putting yourself out there, you should get out there. It's worth it.

Stephanie D. Riggsby

Shawn's Cooking for College

Quick and Cheap Meals for College Students

Tuna Bagel Melt

Ingredients:

Chunk Light Tuna (2 for \$1.00)

Sara Lee Provolone Cheese (\$2.78)

Bagels (\$2.25)

Relish (\$1.48)

Helman's Mayo (\$1.84)

Optional:

Tomato (\$1.54 per pound)

Cooking Instructions

*Combine tuna, mayo and relish in a bowl using a fork.

*Take one half of a bagel and add one piece of provolone cheese.

*Add tuna then place another piece of cheese on top.

*If desired, use one slice of tomato in between tuna and top piece of cheese.

*Repeat for other half of the bagel

*For a softer bagel: place in microwave for 2-3 minutes or until cheese is melted

*For a crispier bagel: place in toaster oven for 2 minutes on "toast" or until cheese is melted.

Lee French
Staff Writer

Take notice. This is hands down the single greatest album that I have ever listened to. It is a CD you will be able to listen to over and over and over again. 54 minutes of pure listening splendor. Doves is the master of the melodic ballad as they mix traditional Rolling Stones style rock beats with entrancing, tension building intros that convert amazing songs into musical events for your listening ears. I am hard pressed to say I have ever been able to definitively assert a favorite band much less a favorite song.

"Satellites" (track 7) begins with a rhythmic back beat of clapping hands to the fading opening cords of a song that will take you on a personal journey through your own mind the first time you listen to it.

In a musicOMH.com album review John Murphy describes "There Goes the Fear" (track 3) as, "seven minutes of pure magic. From the chiming of the introduction to the spine-tingling middle section where singer Jimi Godwin exclaims 'close your brown eyes,' right up until the finale of carnival chants and Brazilian drum loops."

Doves did it for me when I first heard "Caught by the River" on the soundtrack for the hit tv series The OC, which might I

add, The OC Soundtrack is one of the greatest compilations ever put together. Even though I can't say I was ever a huge fan of the show their music selection is among the best I have ever heard; you can expect a review in the near future. For now marinate your soul with Doves, the Last Broadcast.

doves the last broadcast



Life Abroad: The Ghana Journals

This year, as most years, Longwood University has students who have chosen to study abroad through the International Studies program. Through out the next several months one of these students, Katie Harrison, a Junior Anthropology major, will be sharing some of her experiences in day to day life and her academic life while she is studying in Ghana on the west African coast.

This is the continuance from the September 30th edition of The Rotunda

29 August '04, cont'd

This weekend was awesome! We left early Saturday morning and headed for Kumasi. We first stopped at the Manhyia Palace where the King of Ashantis lives and conducts his work. The Ashanthene, as he is called, is actually more powerful than the President of Ghana.

While we were walking around the old part of the grounds we actually got to see the King walk by, which was pretty cool. He was just a big guy who had like 10 people around him, fanning him and carrying things for him. We then drove to the Kejetia market, which is the largest open-air market in West Africa.

The vibrant city of Kumasi is tucked deep in the lush heartland of the Ashanti Region of Ghana. It is a city that has held on to its rich cultural heritage which can be seen most notably with a trip through one of the largest open-air markets in West Africa.

The Central Market of Kumasi is unbelievably intimidating to a foreigner such as myself. Just standing on the edge of the market looking into the countless corners and alleyways of tiny stands made me a bit hesitant but nevertheless, I grabbed my friend's arm and plunged in not knowing where exactly we were going to end up.

The alleys are extremely tight so we were constantly fighting our way through the mobs of women trying to sell us everything from cloth to radios to kitchen utensils, while at the same time ducking from men carrying large slabs of unknown meat on their heads.

We bought chunks of the best pineapple in the world, in my humble opinion anyway, and found a small corner to watch the seemingly never-ending fast pace atmosphere of the marketplace itself.

After we finished the pineapple we weaved in and out of the different stands buying things here and there. It took us a good hour to find our way back out of the market, and that was only

after we asked a half dozen people. The Central Market was an amazing place full of its own energy and culture and I am truly glad that I engulfed myself in such an atmosphere.

It was crazy! Its just like a huge maze of tiny booths compacted together. And they sell everything you could ever possibly imagine there. From cloth, shoes, appliances that look like they're at least 10 years old to any type of food you could imagine.

I was with two other girls when we kind of stumbled into a butchering area where people were killing chickens and goats left and right. All the meat was just sitting out in the open too with flies all around them. One guy even walked by with a cow's head on his own head.

Not something I really needed or wanted to see! But we finally found our way out and made it back to the bus.

After the market we took a trip to the small village of Asuofoa-Asamang where we watched some of the villagers make beads. They actually take glass bottles, grind them up and pack the dust into these clay trays that have holes in them and put them in clay ovens.

The process was really cool to watch and we all ended up buying a bunch of their work. The children in this village were so incredibly gorgeous.

One little girl ran up to me and asked me how I was (that was the only English that she knew). I ended up carrying her and her little brother around for a while. They both were very intrigued by my tongue ring which I thought was funny.

On Sunday we drove out to the town of Bonwire where Kenta cloth was originally made. I got to see the actual looms that they use to make the cloth. One loom is about 15 feet long. The man who showed us how to make it said that a piece of Kenta cloth that's about 15 inches long and 5 inches wide takes about 3 weeks to make, and that blanket-sized kenta cloth can take up to 6 months to finish.

After that we quickly visited the town of Ahwinia where the

stool for the first Ashanti king was carved. Every Ashanti king has his own wooden stool carved for him that is unique from any other. The guys in this town were very pushy when it came to trying to get us to buy stuff.

We also visited the town (I forget the name) that made the first Adinkra designs. Adinkra in Twi means "to bid farewell".

The men take the bark from a specific tree and grind it up, then heat it over a fire until it becomes this thick black or brown substance.

Then, wooden stamps that have symbols on them are dipped into the liquid and stamped onto black cloth. The Adinkra cloth is usually worn by those going to a funeral and/or mourning the loss of a family member.

On our way back to Legon the bus's clutch went out and we were stuck in this small village for about an hour before our program director got 5 taxis to drive us the 3 hours back to campus. That was an adventure to say the least!

Oh and one of the girls in my program got malaria this past weekend. She's fine now, but I'm pretty sure I'm going to get it too at some point even though I'm taking my malaria pills.

The girl was too, but that didn't seem to help any. I also learned that I can get malaria for up to a year after I leave here...isn't that great?

1 September '04

I have some time before I have to go to a class meeting, so I've decided to write a quick email. When I say that I have a class meeting that pretty much means I have to go to class and wait around for about 15 minutes to see if the professor actually shows up which, thus far, has been a negative.

It's very frustrating because no one seems to really care if class ever starts! And I'm tired of getting up early and walking the 20 minutes to campus to find out that there's no class!

I have also learned that having traveler's diarrhea is not something you want to have while attending this university or visiting any place in Ghana. They do not have restrooms in most of the buildings

and if they do, they have not been cleaned in several months. I had the "pleasure" of using one last night that didn't flush.

Let me tell you that was an experience in and of itself. The restrooms also don't have toilet paper, nor do they have soap and sometimes running water to wash your hands. Thank God for Charmin toilet paper on the go and Purell hand wipes! I'm sure some of you don't really think I need to write a whole paragraph on this subject.

My Twi (pronounced "chwe") language classes started last night. It was pretty fun but I'm already having some trouble pronouncing some of their letters.

This weekend my program is taking a trip to the Central region or Ashanti region. The city of Kumasi is located there and it's supposed to be a beautiful place.

10 September '04

Classes here have finally started...for the most part that is. My first class, African Traditional Religion is on Mondays and there are over 200 people in the class.

It was total chaos getting into the room because it's only is supposed to hold around 100 students, so more than half of the students had to stand in the aisles and outside for the lecture...(luckily I got there early and got a seat).

My Art History of Ghana class seems like its going to be really easy. There were only about 30 students, so there was plenty of room :)

Conflict in African States is the class I have on Wednesdays and it too has over 200 students and is packed. The professor never showed up so I sat there in a cramped room with no air conditioning for over 40 minutes until enough students had left so that I could get out.

My Ghanaian Literature class, which I had today, was ok...the professor is sort of boring and I have a hard time understanding his English at times. But the books we're suppose to read look interesting.

I've noticed that the majority of the students here are men in their early or late 30s. I asked my program director why and he

explained that it takes most students a while to save up the money to come to the University and that the views of a woman being educated are still not very popular.

Oh, and I might be getting a roommate from Burkino Faso. She was my suite mate but she's not getting along with her roommate (who's from Nigeria).

She seems really nice but doesn't speak much English...I don't speak any French. It should be very interesting to say the least.

I've started an internship at the University hospital too. I went there yesterday just to meet the coordinator, but I'm suppose to go back tomorrow morning and start working in the pediatric ward.

I guess that's it for now. Some of my friends and I are going into Accra for the weekend to visit the different museums and markets.

3 September '04

So Jameel, Larissa, Laura, and I all decided to visit Mole National Park up in the Northern Region of Ghana this past weekend. We left early Friday morning around 4:30 a.m. for the bus station and right from the beginning it was an adventure! The taxi driver was something else. First of all he came running out of a nearby corn field to get his taxi.

Anyway, the taxi only had one head light, the windshield wipers didn't work, so he had to stick his head out the window to see because of all the condensation on the wind shield, and a bluish smoke kept seeping out from underneath the hood of the car for the entire ride.

When we were going around Tetteh Quarshie Roundabout the driver somehow got off the road and hit a huge bump. This bump caused Larissa's door to pop open and Laura had to pull her back in the car...and the driver never even stopped!

We had to get out of the taxi a few miles from the bus station because apparently the taxi didn't make right turns very well. We got another taxi though and safely made it to the bus station.

HOME SWEET HOME

Field hockey ready for only home game

Kyle Martin
Staff Writer

The women's field hockey team will face a unique challenge when they play their only home game of the season against Catawba tomorrow. "They're coached by an ex-player of mine, Longwood Alum Catherine Howard, an All-American," head coach Nancy Joel said.

The team, currently 3-8 on the season, has had to endure a tough year of travel, but they have had some success as of late. Before losing two straight games to Maryland-Baltimore County and Saint Joseph's last weekend, the team had a two-game winning streak, led by the play of junior forward Sarah Hatchings and sophomore midfielder Anne Hundley.

Hatchings is confident, headed into Friday's contest with Catawba. "We've played them every year. We try to look at it as

a win. We try to look at every team as a win," Hatchings said.

Hundley, however, notices the added pressure of playing at home. "Since it is our only home game, we have to put on a good performance," Hundley said.

Friday's home game is also the senior game, and the final home game, for Longwood players Lorrie Watts and Julie Patterson. "It's important. I can't believe it's gone so fast. I don't know what I'll do without everyone on the team," goalkeeper Patterson said. Reflecting on her playing career, Watts said, "It's sad because there's no field hockey after college."

Join the Longwood University Women's Field Hockey Team for their senior game this Friday at 3:00 at Barlow Field. Visit <http://www.longwoodlancers.com/index.asp?path=hockey> for more information.

Field Hockey Downed by Talented UMBC Team

Sports Information

Longwood University dropped a 5-1 field hockey decision to the University of Maryland-Baltimore County Sunday afternoon in Baltimore, Md. The host Retrievers improved to 4-7, while the Lancers are now 3-8. Longwood will play again Wednesday, October 6, at the University of Virginia. Game time is slated for 7:00 p.m..

UMBC took control early as Ashly Meehan scored 1:26 into the contest to give the Retrievers the 1-0 advantage. Less than five minutes later, Kristin Ramsay controlled her own rebound and shot it past Longwood senior goalkeeper Julie Patterson to push their lead to 2-0.

Longwood was able to cut the score to 2-1 at the 16:39 mark when junior Sarah Hatchings found senior Lorrie Watts, who scored her third goal of the season. However, the Retrievers scored with less than two minutes remaining in the first stanza to hold a 3-1 lead at halftime.

In the second half, UMBC extended its lead on goals by Arlene Lowther and Julie Moore.

For the game, the Retrievers outshot the Lancers, 25-11, and held the 8-2 edge in penalty corners. Patterson made 12 saves for Longwood in 62:56 minutes of play, while UMBC's Meghan Polek made seven saves in 61:05.



Longwood battles for possession of the ball by rucking against Virginia Commonwealth University early in the first half. Longwood defeated VCU 26-18 last Saturday

Picture by Kyle Martin

Men's Rugby Pulls Out Win, Squeaks by VCU

Kyle Martin
Staff Writer

After dominant performances against Washington & Lee and Hampden-Sydney College this season, the Longwood Men's Rugby Club appeared unstoppable. However, last Saturday's 26-19 win against Virginia Commonwealth University proved to be a tougher contest for the team and showed that skill is not all that is needed to win.

"Pure luck," junior wing John Clegg said describing his gamelying conversion kick late in the second half against VCU. Clegg, a second-year player, bounced the kick off of the right post in the try zone. It then struck the left post and

finally fell through the uprights for two points. The conversion would prove to be the pivotal play in the game as senior and second row player Brandon Pitts scored a try in the thirty-fourth minute of the second half to win the game.

Due to a first half filled with turnovers and penalties, the club found themselves trailing 19-7 at halftime. At the half, team captain Matthew Cullerton noticed a change. "They knocked our bells around and woke us up," Cullerton said. Longwood got more than a wake-up call in the second half. The men's team scored 19 points in the half equaling VCU's game total of 19.

In addition to the offensive production, the defense posted a second half shut-out, capitalized

by Dan Talley's and Raymond McConnell's late-game tackle. "I think I assisted Raymond McConnell, but I think the hit he made was vital. If they had scored, we would have lost," flanker Talley said.

The victory improves Longwood's record to 3-0 on the season as the team heads into match-ups on the road against the University of Richmond today at 7:00 and at home against ODU on Sunday. Cullerton identifies an added incentive in today's game against Richmond. "Carl Schmidt is [their] coach and the commissioner of our league. We really want to show him who the best in the league is," Matthew Cullerton said.

There are 10 types of people in the world, those who understand binary and those who don't.

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Records:

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Home Games
This Week:

Sunday

Men's Soccer vs Mount
St. Marys, 7:00 pm

Players of the
Week:

Field Hockey

Lorrie Watts, 1 goal

Men's Soccer

Stuart Bertsch, 1
goal, 1 assist

Women's Soccer

April Lockley, 2 goals

Cross Country
places 3rd, 6th

Sports Information

Longwood University totaled 92 points to finish third among 13 teams at the Great American Cross Country Festival women's race Friday in North Carolina. Lipscomb University of Tennessee won the event with its 30 points. The Lancers will compete again next Saturday, October 9, at the Disney Classic in Orlando, Florida.

Longwood was led by freshman standout Kristin Novara who finished fourth overall among 88 runners with her time of 19:57 in the 5K (3.1 mile) race won in 18:59. Novara was followed by seniors Jessica Walton (20:12, 11th), Lynette Robinson (20:39, 14th) and Tiffany Denby (20:40, 15th), as well as freshman Ashley Schoenwetter (23:53, 50th).

Also running for the Lancers were freshmen Lisa Wade (24:07, 54th) and Tiffanie Woods (24:34, 61st), along with sophomore Caitlin Moore (25:40, 70th).

Women's Soccer Triumphs
over Bulldogs in 2nd Half

Patrick Sullivan
Sports Editor

'Down but never out.' That could be the slogan for the Women's soccer team this season. Longwood soccer's record may not be exactly what they want it to be but these Lancers are still determined to give there all every game. This spirit was more evident than ever as the Lancers headed into Tuesday's game against the Barton Bulldogs. According to Sophomore Kelsie Bradberry, "I knew it was a big game for us... and we really had something to prove."

The Lancers came out like they were possessed and with the physical play of Stephanie Schroeder and the blazing speed of Tessa Kofler stayed on the attack for most of the game. The Lancers led the Bulldogs in shots 10 to 2 in the first half as many of the Lancers shot went just wide of the Barton goal. However it was the Bulldogs who drew first blood after a shot by Tara Davis trickled past Lancer goalkeeper Heather Storrie. Even though down and facing trouble getting the ball in the net the Lancers never wavered. "There was no way we were going to lose to a team that we were substantial outshooting, and that we just had to keep

shooting until it went our way," Bradberry said.

Heading into the second half down the Lancers desperately needed a spark, "we couldn't get the ball in the back of the net. We pumped each other up a lot though, we wanted and needed a win" explained Bradberry. It didn't take long as junior April Lockley scored nearly 7 minutes after the second half started. Eighteen minutes later Schroeder amazed the home crowd with a gravity defying bicycle kick that put the Lancers in the lead. "My jaw dropped and all of us got really pumped up, it was awesome," Bradberry exclaimed. With time winding down Kofler was able to put the game away with her first goal as Lancer with an assist by Tiffany Crane. The elation finally set in for Bradberry in the final seconds, "our hard work finally paid off."

The win gives the Lancers a record of two and ten and will play their next game on Saturday in Richmond against Virginia Commonwealth University at 7 p.m.



Empty bleachers have a common sight with a lack of Longwood Home games, but a wealth of women's and men's home soccer games recently have remedied that. Women's Soccer played three home games last weekend. Field Hockey will play their Senior game this Friday against Catawba as well as Men's Soccer who have a home game this Sunday against Mt. Saint Mary's.

Picture by Scott Dill

NFL REPORT: WEEK FOUR

Patrick Sullivan
Sports Editor

New England is slowly moving onto the Super Bowl favorites list of the few people that didn't already have them on it. After trouncing the Bills this weekend the Patriots have tied a record of 18 straight wins, including the playoffs. If New England is able to defeat lack-luster Miami team, they could become the sole possessors of a record held some of the NFL's most heralded teams.

Another team that garners more and more support every week are the seemingly unbeatable Eagles. Terrell Owens and Dorian McNabb have hooked up in ever game they have played together and lead their team over the Virginia-natives David Terrell and Thomas Jones and the Bears.

Owens' old team, the 49ers, could perhaps be missing his offensive production more than they care to admit as the were out-scored by divisional rivals the Rams by ten points. Safety John Lynch got his turn to get revenge against his old team the Buccaneers as his Broncos walked away from a victory.

Former Hokie Mike Vike's Falcons were able to give Super Bowl runners-up Carolina their second loss of the season. Follow former Virginia Tech stand-out Lee Suggs was wel-

comed back to the Browns with open arms, if not his fellow Virginian's, after he lead the Cleveland to a 17-13 victory against the Browns. Mean while Cleveland fans rejoiced in their state rivals the Bengals loose as rookie Ben Roethlisberger improves his starting record with the Steelers to 2-0. The Texans have formed their first win streak since the teams conception after beating the Raiders.

Inept New Orleans made it possible for previously winless Arizona to get their first win of the season. The previously undefeated Jaguars finally met their match against last years Co-MVP Payton Manning and the Colts.

Many believe that football is a team sport but the Steve McNair-Jess Titans and Dolphins minus Ricky Williams might argue that after losses to the Chargers and Jets, respectively.

Player of the Week: Tiki Barber has improved drastically improved his game this year and earning 184 yards on the ground and a Giants win over the Packers in their own home solidify him as the POTW.

Game of the Week: The Chiefs could return to their winning ways after a spectacular performance against the Ravens Monday night

WVU Mountaniers Dominate
Longwood Men's Soccer Team

Sports Information

West Virginia took a 3-0 decision past visiting Longwood University in a men's soccer match Sunday afternoon in Morgantown, W.Va. Dan Stratford scored all three goals in the second half to lift the Mountaineers to victory. The Lancers (0-10) will play again, Wednesday, October 6 at High Point. Game time is slated for 7:00 p.m.

Longwood and West Virginia (6-5) played to a scoreless first half. Both teams were able to get five shots off, but neither was able to break the goal line.

The Mountaineers finally broke the scoreless tie 12 minutes into the second half when they were awarded a penalty kick. Stratford hit a penalty shot past freshman keeper Matt VanOekel for the 1-0 advantage. West Virginia again was awarded a penalty kick at the 64:52 mark that Stratford took and converted. Less than five minutes later, Stratford scored his third goal of the night on a shot from the left side.

VanOekel made four saves for the Lancers, while Mountaineer goalkeepers Nick Noble and Tom Orbacz combined for four saves.

Clemens Perseveres, Astros Top Braves 9-3

Braves lose first of five game series off strong Astros performance

Paul Newberry
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) -- Roger Clemens and the powerful Houston lineup made sure the Astros got off to a good start in their quest to finally win a playoff series. While Clemens continually pitched out of trouble, Brad Ausmus, Lance Berkman, Carlos Beltran and Jason Lane homered for the Astros to lead a 9-3 rout of the Atlanta Braves in Game 1 of their NL division series Wednesday.

The Astros set a franchise record for runs in a postseason game. They twice scored seven while losing to Philadelphia in the 1980 NLCS - the first of their seven straight playoff series losses.

"I don't think we'll look back," Clemens said. "There's such a different cast of characters on this ballclub."

Houston dropped three of its last four postseason series to the Braves, most recently in 2001. Much of the blame fell on Craig Biggio and Jeff Bagwell - the heart of the "Killer B's" for more than a decade.

Bagwell finally came through with his first postseason extra-base hit, an RBI double that put the Astros ahead for good in the third inning. But he and Biggio played a secondary role in beating the NL East champion Braves, who hardly looked like a team that won its 13th straight division title.

"Yeah, yeah, I enjoy being a part of the offense," said Bagwell, who came in with a career playoff average of .174. "But this it not about me and my postseason struggles."

The Astros carried over their momentum from the regular season, which they closed by winning 36 of 46 games to claim an improbable wild card.

"Obviously, we believe in our team," said Biggio, a .130 postseason hitter coming into the series. "You don't play like we did the last month and a half without team being a capital 'T.' Everybody contributed."

Game 2 is Thursday at Turner Field, with Houston sending 20-

game winner Roy Oswalt to the mound against former Astro Mike Hampton. If the visitors win again, they'll have two chances to wrap up the series at Minute Maid Park, where Houston has an 18-game winning streak.

Ausmus led off the third with the first of Houston's three homers off Jaret Wright, tying the score at 1. Bagwell's RBI double was followed by Berkman's two-run homer into the Braves' bullpen for a 4-1 lead.

Beltran knocked out Wright in the fifth with another two-run homer. Bagwell singled off new pitcher Kevin Gryboski and came all the way around to score on Jeff Kent's double to left.

Clemens showed the effects of a stomach virus that knocked him out of his last start of the regular season. The Hall of Famer-to-be walked six - all in the first four innings and the most he's given up in a game since 1998.

But Clemens also displayed plenty of grit in winning a Game 1 start for the first time in his storied career. The Braves stranded nine runners in the first four innings.

"I'm not going to come to the middle of the plate," Clemens said. "I'm going to be a little hardheaded and pitch to my spots."

It worked out fine. Clemens lasted seven innings, throwing 117 pitches, giving up six hits and two earned runs, while striking out seven. Not bad for a 42-year-old who briefly retired after last season, but came back to help his hometown Astros reach their first World Series.

In a nod to the guy who persuaded him to put off retire-

ment, Clemens wore a right-handed glove mistakenly sent to left-handed teammate Andy Pettitte, who is out for the season after elbow surgery.

"I wish he was pitching with us," Clemens said.

Atlanta loaded the bases in the first on Berkman's error and two



walks. Clemens limited the damage to Johnny Estrada's sacrifice fly.

The Braves put runners at second and third with one out in the second. Rafael Furcal, playing just hours after appearing in court on a probation violation stemming from a drunken-driving arrest, struck out. Marcus Giles grounded out.

Clemens walked the bases loaded in the third, but escaped by making Charles Thomas look foolish. The rookie flailed at a pitch far out of the strike zone, then took a called third strike over the inside corner.

The Braves put two more runners on in the fourth. Clemens took care of that by jamming J.D. Drew, whose shattered bat flew farther than his pop up back to the mound. Chipper Jones

grounded out to end the inning.

"I thought we had a pretty good game plan," Jones said. "We got him to throw a lot of pitches early, but we missed opportunities."

While Clemens was frustrating the Braves, Wright was watching the ball fly out of the park. A leading contender for comeback player of the year, he equaled his career high by giving up three home runs. In fact, Wright had given up three homers in a month only once during the regular season, covering six starts in June.

"I thought I only made a couple of mistakes," Wright said. "They were home runs. They didn't miss them."

Wright was making his first postseason start since 1998, when he was one of baseball's most promising young pitchers. Two shoulder operations and seven stints on the disabled list sidetracked his career.

He won't have fond memories of this start, which was epitomized in the fourth when

Morgan Ensberg hit a liner off Wright's left shin. The pitcher flipped off his glove and crawled along the ground in obvious pain, though he was able to stay in the game.

Not for long, Beltran - one of the new Killer B's - finished off Wright the next inning. Lane, who came in after Beltran was plunked by a pitch, homered off Chris Reitsma in the ninth.

Notes: Adrian Beltran is questionable for Thursday's game because of bruised ribs. ... Furcal tripled and walked after being ordered earlier in the day to serve a total of seven weeks in jail and treatment for violating probation on a previous DUI charge. The sentence begins a day after the Braves' season ends. ... Andruw Jones hit his eighth postseason homer, a solo shot leading off the fifth. ... Chipper Jones, playing with a sore right hand, went 0-for-4 with two strikeouts. ... Clemens had been 0-3 in Game 1 starts. ... Attendance was 41,465 - about 8,000 short of a sellout.

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Students, Faculty Respond to Parking Changes During Open Forum

Patrick Trate
Copy Editor

On October 11th, Longwood University's new parking plan went into effect. Students and faculty are currently adjusting to the plan, which has reallocated many spaces on campus.

At an open forum held on October 12th, students began responding to the new parking situation with a panel of Longwood officials that included Chief Charles Lowe, Head of Public Safety and Chief of Police, Dick Bratcher, Vice President of Facilities Management, and Galen May, Interim Director of Capital Planning and Construction. Although some still have concerns, student reaction was decidedly optimistic.

The reallocation plan was researched and enacted by Chief

Lowe and Bratcher in an attempt to better facilitate both residential and commuter students parking on campus. Though many factors influenced the final plan, Chief Lowe explained, "Student input was very important in the reallocation effort." After thanking the Rotunda staff for their exquisite coverage, Chief Lowe gave the specifics of the new plan, which calls for the reallocation of:

28 spaces in the Wheeler Lot (located on Griffin Blvd. and Chambers St.) from Faculty/Staff to Commuter;

22 spaces on Franklin St. (near Bedford) from Faculty/Staff to Junior/Senior, and;

The third tier of the Wynne Lot (facing Main St.) from Sophomore students to Junior/Senior/Commuter.

The increased number of spaces for juniors, seniors, and commuters should alleviate many

of the frustrations these students have experienced while trying to find a parking space. Both at the forum and around campus, students have been reacting favorably to the change. "I think it's good they made more spaces," said junior Tiffany Smith. "I drive my car every day and I've always had trouble parking."

Sophomore students were less enthusiastic about the changes since more sophomore students will be forced to use the caged lot on Vernon St. "I always see the [top tier of the] Wynne lot half empty," said sophomore Sara Qualkinbush. "I don't know yet if juniors and seniors really needed those spots."

Other students complained about the inconvenience of the caged lots, since they are far removed from campus

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Housing Begins New Measures to Raise Awareness about Off-Campus Living

Efforts undertaken to clarify moving requirements

Janet Jones
Copy Editor

In an attempt to avoid last year's off-campus housing debacle, the Office of Residential and Commuter Life has begun an aggressive campaign to inform students of their rights and responsibilities concerning on and off-campus housing.

As many returning students may remember, outraged students staged a protest last year that began behind the Student Union and ended in President Cormier's office. The protest was the result of a misunderstanding on the part of students. Most involved, were under the erroneous impression that their status as juniors guaranteed their ability to move off-campus.

Although the student handbook does state that students with

56 credit hours may apply to move off-campus, permission for the move is contingent on campus occupancy reaching 100 percent.

"It is like filling a glass," said Doug Howell, Assistant Director of Residential Life.

"[Longwood] must be full at all times; however, if the glass overflows, the overflow may move off campus."

Longwood has a residency requirement for students, all four years they attend. There is a senior privilege and junior exception that can, not must, allow students to leave. Confusion set in with juniors when they assumed that because their predecessors were able to move off campus, they could too. Many juniors had already signed leases, obligating them to that lease and the agree-

ment they signed with Longwood after they read the student handbook.

Howell said that this year Housing is encouraging students more ardently to not obligate themselves to another place of residency. Housing has begun posting flyers about the issue. Also, this year the residency requirement was emphasized more at freshman preview.

Housing wants to begin the release process earlier this year to provide students with more time to think about their options. "As an alumni of Longwood I only want the best for the students," Howell said. "We will be offering apartment 101 so that our students can make a more informed decision."

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The Heating Plant's newly installed dual-purpose boiler is expected to be a more efficient replacement of its two 1930's predecessors. Photo by Shawn Garrett

New \$1.8 Million Boiler Installed for Heating Plant

No heat yet for dormitories as temps dip

Shawn Garrett
News Editor

As an integral part of Longwood's long-term construction initiative, a new boiler has been installed adjoining the heating plant.

The new boiler, manufactured by the Hurst Corporation and brought to Longwood at a cost of \$1.8 million, will replace the two wood-burning boilers the University currently uses to heat buildings on campus. Also used in the heating plant are three oil-fired boilers.

"The boilers we have now are pretty old," said Richard Bratcher, Vice President of Facilities Management and Technology. The current boilers were installed approximately in 1938, said Bratcher, who added that they were "no longer efficient" and past due for replacement.

The recent addition to the heating plant will serve as the primary boiler. It's dual-purpose capacity allows it to run on either oil or sawdust, Longwood's preferred heating fuel.

"Sawdust really is cheaper," commented Bratcher. With rising oil prices ratcheting up the cost of winter heating, the dual nature of the boiler will allow Longwood to better respond to

market fluctuations, creating a more cost-effective heating system.

The installation is actually the first phase of a planned three-phase heating upgrade.

Phase II, at cost of \$3.8 million, consists of replacing the entire facility, including a more permanent housing to replace the temporary metal structure soon to be built around the new boiler. The current building on Madison street, which houses the majority of the facility, is not large enough to cover certain environmental aspects of the new boilers, like air scrubbers.

Phase III aims to replace the underground network of pipes and grates that funnel heat across campus.

According to Bratcher, this marks the second year Longwood has appealed to the legislature for the additional funds to proceed with planning phase III. Reasons behind the delay are unclear, but money has already been appropriated for phase II.

Heating has become a contentious issue in recent days, as overnight temperatures have begun to dip into the high 30s. Although certain academic and service buildings have been given

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Words from the Editor: The Heart of the Matter Is This



Last week on deadline night, Stephanie was flipping through old issues of *The Rotunda* when she found an issue from November 16, 1982. The entire front page and a good deal of the back was devoted to a story entitled "Running Scared: Longwood's Discreet Gay Society." A group was being started to combat Longwood's new hostile anti-gay atmosphere.

At a school that once had "a reputation for homosexual activity," students were now subject to harassment, violence, and vandalism. One student was told that he should "commit suicide because [he] had no place in society." As I read this, I felt so blessed that Longwood had given up this hateful attitude. I'm constantly telling my friends at other schools what an open and friendly community we have here. How our brothers at Hampden-Sydney still

undergo severe harassment and feel the need to carry protection.

This is not to say that Longwood is full of angels. But it does mean that someone going up to my friend at Oktoberfest and saying, "I didn't know they let dykes onto Mortar Board" is first outwardly offensive thing I've heard in two years. There are the small comments here and there, but, as a whole, we're leaps and bounds from where we were in 1982.

And all last week, I was proud of that.

And in the wee hours of Monday morning, thirty of us decorated Brock Commons for National Coming Out Day. The camaraderie surrounding us was the best warm hug in the cold night air. Mushy and trite as that sounds, it's nothing but true.

After everyone left, I walked arm-in-arm with Walter and Hans by my other side, and we read each card the group had attached to various lampposts.

Some were happy. Some were sad. But all of them showed what an amazing school we all attend. Tears stung my eyes, and my heart felt like it was going to explode. Dar's "The Blessings" played in my head. I walked home at three in the morning happier than I'd been in months.

And then nine in the morning rolled around, and I felt like I had been punched in the stomach. All of our work had been taken down.

The pride stops here.

And I cried again, only this time, they were sad, heartbreaking tears. While not exactly the malicious acts Longwood has seen in the past, this action still hurt.

What it came down to, really, was an argument of semantics.

Something that Longwood is really good at doing.

While the lampposts on Brock Commons are not technically considered appropriate posting territory, they are not specifically stated as illegal zones. But, fine, I'll give them that. We all make mistakes. What gets me, though, is that the handbook specifically states that sidewalk chalk is not permitted to be used on campus, but no action was taken the Friday before Oktoberfest against the group who wrote literature quotations on the sidewalks surrounding Grainger and up Brock Commons toward Hiner. The sidewalks were not washed down, even though Longwood was, for all intents and purposes, expecting company.

I've got a huge problem with that. I have a huge problem that we followed all the other rules:

nothing permanent, nothing damaging, the signs stamped with Student Union approval, etc. We had a clean-up crew in place to take down the decorations at seven on Monday night. We had made a move to educate and open discussion on the campus. That's the point of everything we do, right?

Shove diversity and Citizen Leadership down my throat all you want, but when it comes down to it, Longwood has yet to practice what they preach.

And I just don't know what to do about it.

Amy Whipple

Amy Whipple
Editor-in-Chief

Attendance Should be Voluntary

Sarah L. Barkdull
Asst. Style Editor

Attendance; it was mandatory in high school, but now that you are on your way to the "real world," should it be your choice to attend class?

Many people insist that you should go to class because if you don't, someone, perhaps your parents if not you, is paying a lot of money for you to skip class. Others believe that the most important reason to go to class is to prevent missing important material.

So the question is, should a mandatory attendance policy be enforced? Or, as college students, should we be held responsible for our own attendance?

Are we mature enough to know that missing class will stunt our success academically, or are we really just in a big institutional adult day-care?

If no attendance policy was enforced, would the number of absences increase on a daily basis?

After many frustrating searches in both the hard copy and the online version of the Longwood University Student Handbook 2004-2005, I was unable to find the attendance policy listed.

The closest I came to finding documentation in the actual student handbook, was on page 60, which states that, the Student Health and Wellness Office only provides excused absence slips in extreme instances.

The attendance policy is listed

online, at <http://www.longwood.edu/catalog/2004/AcademicRegulations.htm>.

It is at the professors discretion whether or not to enforce an attendance policy, whether the same or different from the official LU policy, or if they even want to take attendance during their classes.

Many professors state in their syllabi that the LU policy allows them to drop any student's grade one letter grade after ten percent of the total classes are missed, or to a failing grade if more than 25 percent of the total number of classes is missed.

Presence in class should not be mandatory.

If a student thinks that he or she does not need to attend class and be present to receive the information necessary to pass the class, that should be that own student's business.

No one should tell you that you must go to class. However, professors should reserve the right to not follow the policy to lower any pupil's grade if constant absence becomes a trend.

Why do people miss classes anyway? Because they slept through their alarm, because they were lazy, or because they had other meetings, papers, academic or social activities.

Upperclassmen should not have a lot of these problems because their schedule is a product of their own planning. Students

choose their own schedule; if they know they have problems getting up for an 8 am class, they should find another class to take.

In high school, I'm sure students had to get up much earlier than 8am for their first class of the day. Personally, I had to get up at 6am to be at school before 7am. How many people are up at 6am on the Longwood campus, besides the sports teams with their early morning practices?

Students should come to school to learn; graduating should be the priority, above social clubs and activities.

The next time you skip a class, think about why you are not attending the academic session, which is supposed to educate you and make you a more sophisticated citizen.

Are you missing it for a good, and justifiable reason? Or are you skipping in order to sleep in later, or hang out with your friends?

In conclusion, attendance is a necessary tool for professors to use if they need to.

The official Longwood policy is there for when professors need something to back up their decision to enforce an attendance policy. It should be made more convenient in location, such as the Longwood University Student Handbook, for students curious about the policy.

Rules should not be hidden from students, but made public in writing.

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SGA: Serving Up More Than Smiles

Trudy Berry
Guest Writer

I cannot help that readers jump to the erroneous conclusion that I write my letters to *The Rotunda* on behalf of the CSA.

If I did, I would state "On behalf of the CSA..."

I have no control over the placement or title of my letters: *The Rotunda* staff uses their editorial expertise.

I lack authority to ensure that *The Rotunda* staff neither alter nor delete my words, or add their own: their journalistic license.

I believe in the adage, "if it ain't broke, don't fix it."

I haven't felt the need to write about the good, such as Brock Commons, the parking garage, or my great professors from whom I've had the pleasure to learn from.

I do feel compelled to write about what disturbs me: hypocrisies and discrepancies between what a person or a group says and what they do.

Injustices disturb me.

SGA has been serving injustices this semester.

If you believe I sling mud and am pitting CSA against SGA when I call attention to this, well, that disgusts me.

I want to point out to April Mislan and her ilk that CSA has never shown apathy during my time here.

Twice CSA earned Most Improved Organization, two advisors earned awards, and several commuters earned citizen leader awards for their contributions not only to CSA, but also to the Longwood community.

I thought we had moved beyond "second class" student status, but SGA revealed that they do not recognize commuters as students; this is evident from their attempt not to

fund CSA last spring, while unquestioningly funding RHA at \$5 per head.

To quote April, "If CSA used its time and its \$10,915.00 budget in ways that cater more specifically to the needs of the student body..."

Do you recall that CSA took the initiative to bring the Town and Longwood together with all students at the open forums when they perceived that local police were specifically targeting Longwood students?

Do you recall that CSA took the initiative to continue the *Town & Gown* open forums to discuss noise violations?

Forums that SGA co-sponsored; but where was SGA last spring? Not at the open forum.

CSA hit a rough patch during the 2002-2004 academic years; although they did not have a representative to sit on the SGA, they remained active in serving commuters, residents, and the local community.

But I was there, not only in the gallery speaking my mind when the exec decided to recognize me, but also behind the scenes trying desperately to communicate with SGA through the Physical Environment Committee Chairs.

On several occasions, our successor attempted the need to get a resident student on the committee.

SGA, however, did not see this as a priority.

Ian Sales was the only Parking Committee Chair who directly communicated his progress and actions on our (not speaking for CSA) concerns.

We communicated our concerns to David Starr, but he did not communicate in return, although we twice met with him at his meetings and gave him our contact information.

Because committee reports, if any, were hard to hear from the gallery and were not in the minutes.

The minutes were not posted on Blackboard for student conven-

ience, and SGA involvement was not evident.

What happened to the Student Bill of Rights Committee?

Students expressed to the SGA the need for a Bill of Rights, yet SGA has taken no action.

Or else they have not communicated such to the student body.

Students say that SGA doesn't do anything.

I questioned how they know this when they don't attend SGA meetings; until this semester, over the past two and a half years, the gallery has consisted mainly of the two SGA advisors and the two non-traditional, commuter students.

I wondered why J-Board and Honor Board members leave as soon as the SGA swear them in to office.

I wondered why organization members leave as soon as the SGA either approves or denies their request for funds.

I encouraged students to attend: to bring their organizations if they meet at the same time.

Secondly, the manner in which SGA mistreats some organizations.

SGA tells students that if they want money from SGA, they have to have a constitution.

Now Andy Peterson says, "they can ask for money, but that doesn't mean we have to fund them."

SGA approved the In-line Hockey Team's constitution, yet received sufficient funds to fulfill their mission and purpose.

The SGA was aware of the away games and the goal to get sponsorship to hold games at Longwood in the future: they approved their constitution on that basis and led them to believe the SGA would fund them.

April Mislan went so far as to tell the organization members, "if you really want to go to the tournaments, you can sleep in your cars" and "pack ham sandwiches."

Do we want our SGA serving and treating us in this manner?

props and drops

The Rotunda would like to encourage anyone and everyone to submit props and drops to rotunda@longwood.edu

Props:

- + To Fall Break.
- + To sandwiches from the Bene Pizzeria.
- + To the Astro's first playoff series win.
- + To Domino's being out of Kickers.
- + To bunny nuggets in Mary Carroll-Hackett's class.

Drops:

- To 30-degree nights.
- To straight Cs for grade estimates.
- To "fowl" enthusiasts.
- To waking up because of thunderstorms.
- To VH1 for reducing the election campaigns of Bush and Kerry to the "Battle of the Bling"

Speak Out

What answer would you most like to give to a question on one of your mid-terms?



"Save a horse, ride a cowboy."

David Thornton
Freshman



"God Rocks"

Wendy Guill
Junior



"What a waste of time."

Anthony Rose
Sophomore



"My favorite color is pink."

Peyton Muhic
Junior
and
Lindsay Silber
Sophomore

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heat, there isn't a definite date yet set when heating might come to the dorms.

Bratcher approximates the new boiler will be fully operational by December but, at press time, did not have solid information about when heat might be turned on in the dorms. "[Longwood] has been pretty conservative this year bringing buildings online," said Bratcher, adding that the boil-

ers have been off for long periods due to both the new installation and ongoing construction work around campus.

Although there has not been a concerted effort on the part of students to call for the heat to be turned on, many are beginning to notice the cold weather. A Cunninghams resident, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said that "It would be nice to have the heat turned on now, but luckily, it hasn't been too bad.

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and are locked every night at 9pm.

"I don't think many people are comfortable walking all the way to Vernon St," Qualkinbush said.

Freshman Kyle Pretsh also expressed unease about the Vernon lots.

"There's no sidewalk and the area is poorly lit," Pretsh explained. "I think it's an unsafe environment."

In response to his concerns, Galen May noted that Longwood is planning to make this area of campus safer.

"I've talked with the owner of McDonald's," May said. "We'd like to get sidewalks on both sides of the street as well as create better lighting and remove some trees to provide better line of sight from campus."

Other issues addressed were the increase in parking fines and extension of enforcement hours.

Lowe and Bratcher reiterated that these changes were made due to concern over students parking in faculty spaces overnight and during campus events.

The increased fines are proving to be a greater deterrent to stu-

dents parking out of zone as Chief Lowe noted "We're having far less problems than in the past."

Many were curious about the faculty's reaction to the changes, since most of the spots reallocated to students came from Faculty/Staff lots. Chief Lowe explained that he did indeed receive many emails from faculty about the changes.

"Some were concerned about losing the Wheeler Lot in particular," he noted. "By and large though faculty and staff understood and didn't take much exception to the changes. Even those who were upset understood the need."

Now that initial reaction has been gauged, officials are looking ahead towards the future of campus parking. "Brock Commons was the beginning of a change for Longwood University," said Bratcher.

"We'd like to have a 'walking campus' that better represents the collegiate environment. That means we need to continue the dialogue with students as we shift into a more reactive planning mode in the coming years."

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"I know that the ads for off-campus living are tempting," he added "but we want to help educate students to make the right choices."

Since the actual enrollment does not arrive until May 1st, it is difficult to estimate exactly how many students will be allowed to move off. Howell explained, "This process takes

time. Last year we continued to tell the upcoming juniors to be patient, and over the summer we ended up releasing 176 of the 400 applicants."

Howell assured that the problem would not be repeated. "Now we are working closely with Institutional Research, Admissions and New Student Programs to better estimate incoming enrollment."

Foreign-born Presidential Hopefuls Face Unlikely Future in Years to Come

U-Wire

The fantasy of living in the White House, the dream of many a presidential hopeful, isn't likely to become a reality anytime soon for foreign-born citizens.

From college campuses to Congress, many people have made efforts to amend the Constitution and allow foreign-born citizens to run for president, but the road to amendment has proven rocky for many of them.

The U.S. Constitution prohibits all but natural born citizens from running for president, and the difficulty inherent in successfully bringing about a constitutional amendment is a huge barrier to that changing, analysts say.

While recently launched Web sites and current bills in Congress are calling for the amendment of the U.S. Constitution to allow foreign-born citizens to run for president, the feasibility of an amendment happening in the near future is low, says Laura Stoker, an associate professor of political science at UC Berkeley.

"It's hard to amend the Constitution, period," Stoker said.

Stoker said this particular constitutional amendment is "highly unlikely," noting the current "period of xenophobia" and "fear of people outside our borders," which have been heightened especially by the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The U.S. Constitution says, "No person except a natural born Citizen, or a Citizen of the

United States ... shall be eligible to the Office of President."

Widespread discontent with the consequences of this clause is manifesting itself in the introduction of two separate bills into Congress.

One is the S.J. Res. 15 by Senator Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, which proposes making eligible for the presidency a person who has been a U.S. citizen for 20 years.

The other is A.J. Res. 104.IH by Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, R-Calif., proposing allowing eligibility for the presidency to those who have been citizens for 35 years.

Experts doubt the bills will make any major impact.

"It's extremely implausible" that they will be passed, Stoker said.

The difficulty in changing the Constitution has not deterred the efforts of some politicians and members of the public who find the issue worth pursuing in the name of equality.

The work is necessary as far as Marshall Miller, a current UCLA student, and Joshua Mikael, a UCLA graduate, are concerned.

The two created OperationArnold.com, a bipartisan Web site promoting the amendment of the Constitution to allow California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to run for president by 2008.

While their main priority is getting Schwarzenegger into the White House, the two said the process of having the

Constitution amended is just as important.

"It's a ridiculous restriction. ... It's like granting women the right to vote or granting civil rights," Miller said.

"This is unjust and a constitutional amendment that definitely needs to be ratified," Mikael said in agreement.

Their Web site features message boards and a petition for the amendment of the Constitution to allow foreign-born citizens to run for president after having citizenship for 20 years.

They plan to hand the petition over to Hatch, who, in his Oct. 5 statement before the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary, called the restriction, "decidedly un-American" and called on his fellow representatives "to begin the process that can result in removing this artificial, outdated, unnecessary and unfair barrier."

Hatch also mentioned that the natural-born-citizen requirement was created out of concern about European monarchs being imported to rule the United States when the country was founded.

None of these arguments detract from the fact that it is a monumental task to change the Constitution, said Stoker.

For an amendment to take effect, it first has to pass both halves of the legislature by a two-thirds majority in each, after which every state votes on it.

If the bill is approved in 38 of the 50 states, it can become an amendment.



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A Yankee in a Foreign Place

Caidin Dineen
Staff Writer

Five-hundred and fifty miles north of here is a small town I call home. Ashford, Connecticut has always been my home, and I love it very much. By now, you should be able to tell I am a Yankee in the south.

This is my second year here at Longwood University. Without fail, when people hear where I am from, they always ask, "What the hell are you doing down here?"

Well, everyone has their own personal reasons, but for me it all goes back to the first time I stepped foot on this campus. November 23rd 2002, after the incredibly long drive down here, my Dad and I arrived at Longwood to participate in a prospective student visitor's program. Immediately upon arriving, I got a feeling in the pit of my stomach that this was to be my new home. After seeing more of the university grounds and meeting the friendly Ambassadors, I knew this was the place for me.

For some this story is reason enough; others want more concrete reasons why I chose Longwood over schools in

Connecticut.

Connecticut has many schools; unfortunately, none of them caught my eye. Perhaps the most well known of the state's colleges is the University of Connecticut. When people ask me why I am not at UCONN, I give them several reasons.

While in-state tuition at UCONN is peaking at \$13,700, there are too many distractions. By distractions, I mean 26,000 of them. Yes, UCONN contains roughly 26,000 students on its campus in Storrs, CT. Compared to Longwood's 4,700 during this past school year, that is an overwhelming difference. UCONN has a lot to offer, I longed for a change of scenery.

Going on Map Quest, I can see that my house is a short 8.33 miles away from the UCONN campus. In addition, I spent 4 years at a high school that is located on the campus itself.

I have discovered that, while I love the atmosphere down south, there are definite pros and cons with this choice of location.

Let us begin with the cons.

Because this is primarily a

"suitcase school," being a whopping 12 hours away from home presents a few problems.

It appears to me that Longwood clears out on the weekends, leaving those more than two hours away from home seeking other people to have fun with. Added to this is the fact that Out-of-State residents go home twice a semester, if they are lucky. Thanksgiving, and possibly Fall Break, are blessings to anyone from "far away."

On the other hand, some are not lucky enough to go home for both of these breaks, myself included. One challenge for those staying on campus is the need to obtain food and seek out recreational activities.

This may not seem terrible, but on a college student's budget providing four days worth of food is torture.

The campus becomes a ghost town and when you do see another soul, you cling to them whether you know them or not.

With all these cons, let us check out the appealing parts of life in Virginia to an out-of-state student.

In general, Virginia is a very soothing and welcoming state. It

appeals to "outsiders" through its hospitable nature and its relatively inexpensive cost of living. Compared to Virginia's 4.5% sales tax, the 6% rate in Connecticut breaks the bank every time I am home.

Another perk is the atmosphere created by all who attend LU. I was overwhelmed with the honest sincerity and hospitality of Southerners upon my arrival.

While I have had my share of upsetting situations on campus, i.e. my car tire being deflated, the overall caring and relaxed setting pulls you in. This campus accommodates as many people as possible. Props to Lancer Productions, Mortar Board, and WMLU for bringing in amazing music and stellar entertainment

throughout the year. If it were not for these groups, weekends would be dismal. Let's face it; the main attraction of the town itself is the luxurious size of Wal-Mart.

So I think after weighing all of these points, it is safe to say that the pros overshadow the cons. In my opinion, this is an amazing school.

From all the rich history of Longwood University to the amount of pride students have in their school, it should be understood why a Yankee would make the long haul to experience this "diamond in the rough."

Not only am I proud to be a Lancer, I can also say that the students make this school an exceptional place to call my home away from home!

Those before us have challenged us to seize the day. We at The Rotunda now challenge you to do the same. Capture an instance in your life, using around 100 words or less, that has made a lifelong impression. Please e-mail The Rotunda with your responses or any questions: rotunda@longwood.edu.

Carpe Diem

Every time Alice passes my room, she has to cartwheel. She flipped right past the door one evening, and I ran out to tell her about her superb somersault.

I began to explain that she should consider a career with the circus, when-- she vanished!!!

Frenzied, I walked back and forth through the hall twice over; no trace. I bolted to her room three doors down; a locked door, and, gulp, no dry erase board message.

Using my scientific skills, I have determined that there is a vortex to another dimension on my hall; you cartwheel in, you don't come out.

Cameron Winchester

Running along the road, my breath got heavier.

My feet pounded harder, and my heart faster.

While I didn't think I was going to be able to make it, I wasn't sure I wanted to. Running up the hill had always been difficult, but this time was worse.

The speed bump approached - I was almost there. I thought I was done - I put my head down and ran faster toward the summit.

Then my shoelace came undone, and signaled the end of my attempt. After picking myself up, I decided that tomorrow would be a better day.

Shawn Slorko

The World Has Turned and Left Me Here

Mandy Amason
Staff Writer

Dear Mandy,

How can I get the perfect guy?

Thanks, K.C.

Dear K.C.,

Oh this ought to be good.

You really want to know?

Get your favorite magazine, find the picture of the hottest guy (even better if it has a description of his self), take the picture to Kinko's and have them blow it up to a life-sized cardboard stand up.

Introduce him to all your friends, they WILL be jealous but don't worry, it's you he loves.

Take him home to meet the folks because they will love him, he doesn't talk smack or crack dumb jokes to your parents.

He always listens to what you have to say and is a deep, silent, thinker.

Feel free to take him out to bars and clubs because no matter how much he drinks, he won't throw up in your car or on your new Gucci bag.

Though I must say, the best place to take him to is the movies because he keeps his mouth shut and doesn't eat all the popcorn.

Plus, when you get into arguments, he never has any lame excuses, but, be aware, he gives you the silent treatment because he loves you.

Yeah so if you haven't guessed it by now, there is no perfect guy, just ones you can tolerate.

About the tolerating, that reaches a different level with everyone.

Some girls tolerate getting the crap beat out of them and some girls won't tolerate anything but an engagement ring after 2 months of dating.

But let me give you some advice, it's never about you.

It's about what they will tolerate.

They won't tolerate embarrassing him in front of his friends and they won't tolerate changing the channel to Lifetime during a Redskins game.

The same advice can go for guys about the picture blow up but keep in mind that if you do choose a picture from Playboy, make sure your lady is dressed before you take her out of the house.

We don't want you jealous types getting into fights because you thought you saw another guy check her out.

Until then Boys and Girls,

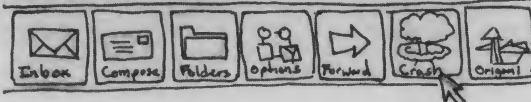
Mandy Amason

*If you would like to write to Mandy for some advice, please email the Rotunda at rotunda@longwood.com and in the subject as **ADVICE COLUMN QUESTION**. Thanks!*

Tongue in Cheek

By: Ellie Woodruff

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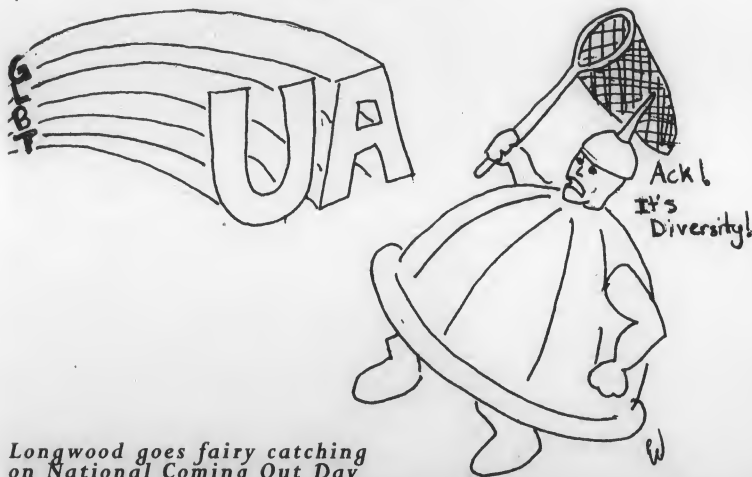
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Why Longwood E-Mail Keeps Going Down

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Foot in Mouth

By: Ellie Woodruff



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Longwood Theatre Presents

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The Skin of Our Teeth: Not Just a Traditional Play

Bobbi Thibo
Asst. Editor-in-Chief

Longwood University's theater department is at it again, and this time they're working on "more than a traditional play" that promise to be very entertaining, according to director Gene Muto.

"The Skin of Our Teeth" by Thornton Wilder is a political play centered around one family, the Antrobuses.

The cast for this production includes 22 people representing all majors around campus.

The main characters include

theater majors, senior Courtney Kappel (Mrs. Antrobus), sophomore Carl Calabrese (Mr. Antrobus), senior Mason Halberg (Henry Antrobus), senior Melissa McConnell (Gladys

is hard at work, and they have been every weekday since early September.

Rehearsals usually last about 2-3 hours a night, and with opening night right around the corner, the pressure is rising.

"We have all been working so hard. The level of acting required is very challenging, and we are also working with a young cast, which is new and exciting. As a whole we are really excited about this play and while opening

night is so close, we are ready," Aubrie Therrien stated.

As a young member of the

cast, Carl Calabrese is excited about the challenge and the character he is to portray, but he is also anxious about his role.

"At first it's very intimidating to be a part of a main cast full of upperclassmen, but this department has welcomed me with open arms, and so it has been easier for me to flourish as an actor," he explained.

The acting itself isn't the only challenging aspect for the crew; the technology required in the production is requiring a lot of attention as well, according to Gene Muto.

The performance includes the combination of multi-media technology such as digital video, photographs, and computer animations.

Try to integrate all of that

with the live acting on stage, and you have a difficult task. While the play is challenging to all members of the crew, there is no doubt they are having a great time too!

"This play is a lot of fun. I think the third act is hysterical," Courtney Kappel commented. She further predicted that the audience would have a great time too.

"It's a great show, and everyone who is involved, including the audience, is going to have a great time."

"The Skin of Our Teeth" opens Wednesday, October 20 at 8:00 p.m. in Jarman Auditorium.

The show will run through Tuesday, October 26, so there is plenty of opportunity to fit into anyone's schedule!



Antrobus), and senior Aubrie Therrien (Sabina).

Everyone involved in the play

Risks and Repercussions of Tongue Piercings

Raven Stanley
Staff Writer

As the number of individuals receiving piercing rises, so does the number cases from piercing side effects seen by medical professionals.

Many people are already aware that the ring used in tongue piercing can cause damage to the enamel of the teeth.

However, tongue piercing can potentially cause even more serious side effects, some of which can kill you.

Dr. Melvin K. Pierson, the spokesman for the Academy of General Dentistry is quoted as having told Reuters Health, that people receiving a tongue piercing, "are getting a medical procedure done by a non-licensed professional."

Being such, there is a risk of side effects that must be taken into account.

Some of the most severe side effects come from the bacteria that dwells within the mouth, which can cause problems when the bacteria spreads to other parts of the body.

There is also a concern among medical professionals that bacte-

ria can travel through to the heart.

If bacteria travels to the heart it can cause endocarditis, which can lead to the need to replace damaged valves.

If this happens, an individual may have to undergo subsequent surgery to replace the new valves every ten to fifteen years.

Patients would also be facing the need for blood thinners for the rest of their lives.

In other cases individuals have nearly bled to death as a result of their tongue piercing.

The tongue is among the thicker areas of the body with a large blood supply.

Part of the reason that this happens is that people are told to expect a certain amount of bleeding, and they may not be aware of the full amount that they have bled.

There have been several instances where individuals would have bled to death had others not been present when they collapsed from blood loss.

One of the potential side affects is an increased potential for suffering Ludwig's angina.

Ludwig's angina is a condi-

tion that causes swelling of the jaw, this swelling can at times be severe enough to close the windpipes.

Other data also indicates that a piercing can also increase the risk of getting tongue cancer.

The risks of piercing affect not only the site of the piercing but to the area surrounding the piercing jewelry as well.

Allergic reactions can occur from the piercing jewelry if anything but surgical steel or titanium jewelry is used for the piercing.

It is also important to look into the location and insure that they use the proper equipment and properly cleaned equipment.

This is to prevent individuals from suffering the more serious risks, such as hepatitis or AIDS, which can be transmitted through the blood.

It is recommended that individuals considering a tongue piercing should consult their dentist or doctor to evaluate their risk for complications.

Medical professionals may be able to prescribe an antibiotic prior to piercing in order to reduce the risk of infection.

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My Fifth Year: "College Is A Time to Find Yourself"

Lee French
Staff Writer

College is the time for you to realize that you are now ready to take this life into your own hands and make your own decisions regarding your future.

The purpose of an undergraduate education is not to make you an authority in any single subject, but rather to develop a general sense of intellect, responsibility, and work ethic.

The 'college experience' teaches you more. It helps you to understand the balance of work and play in life and not so much that you retain the use of the chi square formula in a statistical equation.

Seriously now, unless you're aspiring mathematician, how many of us will find a useful application for that tidbit of knowledge in a real world application?

Chances are pretty good you

probably won't but that's ok because it's not the point. Think of statistics class as microcosm of all the unpleasantities that we'll encounter in our post-colligate, professional lives.

In statistics class we learn the fortitude and discipline needed to work through the things we don't want to do but have to. As cliché as it may sound, college is a time to find yourself.

One of the staples of teenage adolescence is that disillusioned conviction that you have this developed personal identity and that you're all put together or at least that you maintain the image of being so.

That being said, sometimes I get the impression that so many of us seem to have placed so much emphasis on maintaining that front. Initially it is at most, a little more that our blissfully ignorant impression of adult behavior, that we have inadvertently

permitted that front to manifest our person of today.

Now perhaps this was our ultimate intention. Perhaps we knew very early on who we wanted to become and began to track ourselves in that direction by hosting the impression that we were of course already there.

The question I would raise to that person is, "Where did this identity derive from?" We are all victims of influence and circumstance.

To suggest that we have all independently arrived at our current station in life is plausible, though I would dare say, highly unlikely.

This should not be regarded as negative but more so a fact of life. Left to our own devices how many of us would have

been able to impose the self-discipline required to reach the place in which we find ourselves today? This also raises another question: Are we satisfied with the place in which we find ourselves today?

What's the ratio of this pseudo-prescribed self-ordained existence that we call life? How much external influence should we allow to dictate our direction from this point forward?

Have we reached the point in which we can trust our own judgment or must we still rely on the guidance of our elders and mentors to make our decisions for us?

I always wonder how many people have been truly asked what is it that you want to do with your life or has it always

been assumed that you do not have the capacity to address such a question, and have therefore been cast into someone else's vision of what you should become.

I'm not sure if this makes much sense, but the predicating message that I'd like to convey and drive home is this: If no one ever took the time to ask you the question what do want to do with yourself, with your life, then now is the time for you to ask yourself this.

Be comfortable with your desires and confident in your decisions, even when it contradicts the aspirations of others.

Explore your options and pursue your interests wholeheartedly. Anything less would be a self-inflicted injustice.

Life as a Longwood RA

(Scenario 1) Residents: "There's no guy in here." RA: "Um, then who is that I see behind the door?" Residents: "There is no one there." RA: "So I'm just seeing things?" Residents: "Yes."

Friend: "So what's your favorite thing about being an RA?" RA: "My residents keep me VERY entertained!"

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Memories of the Rotunda - Sponsored by Alumni Relations

Class of 1959

In the mid 50ties, the freshmen and sophomore dorm rooms were just on the halls adjacent to the Rotunda. Most of our entertainment dwelt upon the activities therein since this was the center of campus, just as the new mall is now. We were in the midst of a long winter spell but with no snow. Since we were inclined to stay inside during those bitter days, we must have realized that a good snow storm would certainly help brighten things up besides giving us another past time when not in classes. Since nature would not deliver, those students nearest the Rotunda decided to try another approach. I was awakened at what seemed to be the middle of the night with the urging to bring my feather pillow with me. From both the third and second floors around the Rotunda, it snowed so thick of feathers, that you could not see your classmates across the way. Finally when the feathers had become very still upon the floor, sure enough, the ground was covered with a new kind of snow. Just as we had finished admiring our creative spirits and were ready to drag back to bed, the Assistant Dean of Women appeared. She lived in a room close to the dorms and somehow must have awakened at the wrong time. The rest of the night was spent in picking up every part of a feather that all of us could find. Just like some of our snows today, this one was very short lived but evidently eternal in some of our minds.

What will your memory be?

Principes is an honorary and secretive organization whose primary purpose is promoting leadership in Longwood students and the University community. We recognize students who exemplify extraordinary involvement, academics and leadership. The symbol of Principes is a crown with seven points and the number seven, which symbolizes the seven key principles of leadership. Principes would like to welcome the freshmen and transfer students into the Longwood community. Take every opportunity to grow and be leaders in your years at Longwood. Principes would also like to say welcome back to the upperclassmen. Continue to grow and remember to help others along the way. We would especially like to recognize our seniors as you prepare to share your leadership knowledge with those outside of the Longwood family.

"Blessed is the leader who seeks the best for those he serves."

Field Hockey Wins in Lone Home Game

Lorrie Watts and Julie Patterson Honored in Senior Game on Friday

Kyle Martin
Staff Writer

The field hockey team dominated in its only home game of the season by defeating Catawba College



Lorrie Watts

5-0 last Friday. "It was nice to have the support of the campus. It was a nice way to send out our seniors," head coach Nancy

Joel said. The game was the final home contest for senior midfielder Lorrie Watts and senior goalkeeper Julie Patterson.

Longwood got off to a slow start, and after the first half lead 1-0 on a goal by junior midfielder Alexis Ramey. Coach Joel said, "I would have liked to have had more goals by halftime, but we picked it up."

In the second half, the women's team, led by the performance of junior forward Sarah Hitchings, built a commanding lead against Catawba. She scored two goals in the half

with her second score occurring as time expired on a penalty corner. "It just showed that our team could finish strong," Hitchings said.

Junior forward Echo Naugle, who assisted on the final goal, said, "It was exciting to be able to play on our field with our crowd and give our crowd a great show." Naugle said. Naugle would finish the game with two assists.

A strong defensive effort led by the goalkeeping tandem of senior Julie Patterson and freshman Avaneel Schmitz earned the team their third shut-out of the season. The victory over Catawba marks the end of an era

as Barlow field hosted its final competitive game last Friday. As part of the

Julie Patterson

move to Division I reclassification, Longwood will need an artificial turf field to host Division I opponents. A field hockey alumni game will be played next spring as a farewell to the facility. The win improves Longwood's record to 4-9 on the season as the team heads into away match-ups against Towson on October 15 and C.W. Post-Long Island on October 17.



QUICK HITS

Records:

Field Hockey	4 - 9
Men's Soccer	1 - 11
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Home Games

This Week:

FALL BREAK

Players of the Week:

Field Hockey
Alexis Ramey, 2 goals

Men's Soccer
Leon Malca, 2 goals

Women's Soccer
Stephanie Schroeder, 2 goals, 1 assist

Men's Rugby Gets First Loss Against Richmond Thursday

Kyle Martin
Staff Writer

The men's rugby club had their first loss of the season against Richmond University (RU) on October 7. With the defeat, the team snaps its three-game win and unbeaten streaks. "Penalties killed us. Penalties absolutely killed us," senior scrum half Jason Schabacker said.

Richmond quickly capitalized on Longwood penalties, including off-sides, hands in the ruck, and high tackles, in the first half. RU would kick for points at the five minute mark of the first half to take a 3-0 lead. Richmond would tack on a try, a conversion, and three more kicks for points for a first half total of 19.

Scott Zavrel, a junior '8' man, led the Longwood offense in the first half by scoring a try for five points. "We were down 9-0. I just picked it out of the maul and ran for the try," Zavrel said.

Richmond took a 19-5 lead into the second half, but the men's team would mount a charge. "We were down and we tried to get it to the weak side and I just pushed it through," freshman and rookie wing Ronnie Smith said. Smith and Shabacker each scored a try in the second half, earning Longwood ten points.

However, Richmond was able to score just enough by capitalizing on two kicks for points. Longwood outscored RU 10-6 in

the second half, but RU held on for a 25-15 victory over Longwood.

Reflecting on the loss, team captain Matthew Cullerton said, "I'm disappointed to the extent that we started blaming the ref. It's not part of being a team. We outplayed them from the point that all their points came off of good hard, physical rugby. I was disappointed in the fact that we beat ourselves and that they didn't really beat us."



Isa Cohen of the Duplex Flex Team gets ready for her next turn during College Night on Thursdays at Main St. Bowling Lanes.

Picture by Shawn Slozke

Women's Soccer Dominates Virginia Military Institute

Sports Information

Visiting Longwood University took a 9-1 collegiate women's soccer triumph past host VMI Tuesday in Lexington. The Lancers led 5-1 at the intermission, and surpassed their entire season goal total (8) before the match while improving to 3-11 overall. Longwood will play again Friday night, October 15, at William and Mary beginning at 7 p.m. in Williamsburg.

At VMI (0-11), Longwood received two goals each from freshmen Tessa Kofler and Stephanie Schroeder as Kofler's first score at 14:32 proved to be the eventual game-winner. Others scoring goals for the Lancers included sophomores Tiffany Crane, Stacy Crites, Nicole Hodgdon, and

Lexi Torrice, along with redshirt freshman Shannon Mormando. It was the first collegiate goals scored for Hodgdon, Torrice, and Mormando. Contributing assists for LU were Crane, Schroeder, and April Lockley. The Lancers had scored just 8 goals in the previous 13 games.

Longwood took a 31-14 advantage on shots, including 20-7 in the first half, and had an 8-4 edge on corner-kicks. Sophomore keeper Heather Storrie and freshman keeper Anne Whitmore split time in front of the net for the Lancers. Colleen Redman scored the lone goal for VMI late in the first half on a penalty-kick opportunity, while keeper Jessica Rheinlander went the distance for the Keydets.



April Lockley (Pictured) and the rest of the Women's Soccer Team puts up a valiant effort against VCU Saturday.

Picture by Will Pettus

Men's Soccer Gets First Win of Season

Sports Information

Longwood University earned its first win of the season in men's soccer Sunday evening, defeating visiting Mount St. Mary's 3-0. Freshman Todd Runey scored the game-winner for the Lancers at the 52:24 mark. Longwood (1-11) will play again Sunday, October 17 at Marshall. Game time is slated for 3:00 p.m.

The Lancers and Mountaineers (1-7-3) played to a scoreless first half tie, but Longwood was able to dominate in the second half and score three unanswered goals to earn the victory. With Longwood up 1-0 after Runey's goal, junior Leon Malca scored when he took a corner kick and bent it perfectly past Mount St. Mary's goalkeeper Gladimir Elysee at the 55:50 mark. An own goal by the Mountaineers at the 76:06 mark gave the Lancers the final 3-0 win.

Mount St. Mary's did take the slight 14-11 advantage in shots and the 5-2 edge in corner-kick opportunities. Freshman goalkeeper Matt VanOekel earned his first collegiate shutout by making six saves for Longwood.

Mens Golf Finishes Tenth at JMU Invitational

Sports Information

Longwood University fired a final round 298 in men's collegiate golf Sunday for a 54-hole team total of 870 (293-279-298) to finish 10th among 15 teams at the James Madison Invitational in Harrisonburg. Towson University won the event with its 839 total at the 6,517-yard, par 71 Lakeview Golf Club. The Lancers will play again October 18-19 at the East Carolina Invitational.

Longwood was led by senior Trey Deal with his rounds of 72-67-74-213 to place in a tie for 14th among the 83 golfers. It was a 54-hole collegiate-best for Deal who was followed by freshmen John Rosenstock (77-67-74-218, t-33rd) and Mark Coradi (70-74-75-219, t-36th) -- also each with collegiate-best 54-hole efforts, junior Michael Joyce (74-72-76-222, t-50th), along with sophomore Brett Chambers (77-73-75-225, t-60th).

Towson's Jeff Castle took medalist honors with his 13-under par score of 200, including a final round of eight-under par 63.

Weekly Trivia

What Was the Name that Competed with the Lancers For Longwood's Mascot?

Last Question:
Field Hockey Coach Nancy Joel used to coach what national field hockey team?

Answer:
Jamacia

If you would like to submit a trivia question send an email to rotunda@longwood.edu subject "Trivia" with your question, answer and name (if desired).

STUDENT~ATHLETE PROFILES

Name: Melissa Carey (junior)
Position: Center Midfield
Year: 3
Hometown: Bristow, VA



Why do you play soccer?

-I grew up in a soccer family. My parents, my three sisters, and most of my cousins played soccer. I really love the game and couldn't imagine not playing.

Recall your best moment playing here?

-It was pretty cool to win the Carolina-Virginia Athletic Conference (CVAC) tournament my freshman year.

What do you like most about Longwood?

-I like the smaller student-teacher ratios and I love the team. When you play a sport, you're with you're team all the time. I love the players and coaches on the team.

What goals do you have?

-I'd love to become a better student-athlete and see the team improve together for the end of the season. I hope we come out next season and play to our potential.

What makes you unique?

-I live on a farm and have a big family. I used to have a goat named Pele. In high school, we would bring Pele to our games as our mascot.

Name: Stuart Bertsch (senior)
Position: Center Midfield
Year: 4
Hometown: Norfolk, VA



Why do you play soccer?

-It's intriguing. You're always learning when you play. It's the simplest game. All you have to do are simple things. Every little aspect of the game counts.

Recall your best moment playing here?

-My freshman year when I scored my first collegiate goal. My parents were there watching. I scored on a diving header.

What do you like most about Longwood?

-I like the atmosphere here. It's a friendly atmosphere. This is a place where people are smiling, getting along, and having a good time.

What goals do you have?

-I plan on attending medical

school. I've had two interviews and I'm getting stuff lined up. It's my goal in life to give back to the community I live in with a service-oriented life towards others.

**Student-Athlete
Profiles
by
Kyle Martin**

NFL REPORT WEEK FIVE: Two Virginia Favorites Square Off

Patrick Sullivan
Staff Writer

Sometimes it's difficult to be a state without a team. Often the sports crazy citizens choose to claim the closest sports franchise as their own. In a state like Virginia, football fans are split three ways. While the majority of die-hard football fanatics bleed the burgundy and gold of the Redskins others fall off into the graces of teams like the Panthers and Ravens. This mix often leads to bad blood between neighbors when these teams face off. Such a thing happened last Sunday night as Baltimore squared off against close rival Washington. For the better part of the game it appeared that Redskins fans would get bragging rights once again over the Ravens' fans but all that was dashed by back to back touchdowns that helped propel the Ravens to victory. As for Carolina, they fell victim to yet another impressive performance by a previously unknown Denver running back.

New England fans have their own reason to celebrate as they have broken the consecutive games won record after demol-

ishing Miami. The division rivals the Jets are the only other undefeated AFC team after going 4-0 against the Bills. Their NFC state counterparts, the Giants, have also won their last four games after beating Dallas thereby making a stronger case that Tom Coughlin is the most important new coach in the NFC East. The Steelers are also setting up a nice streak of their won. They have won all three games started by Ben Roethlisberger after their latest win over the Browns. One quarterback who has tasted his first defeat of the year is Mike Vick whose Falcons were finally defeated by the Lions. However the Buccaneers have finally been able to capture a win after edging the Saints. Another streak broken is the Seahawks home winning streak as they suffered an overtime defeat against the Rams.

San Diego have climbed to second in their division after defeating Jacksonville and are looking like the Bolts of old. Speaking of old, the Raiders are talking about a possible trade of the legendary Jerry Rice following this week's loss to the Colts. In a battle of Iron Men, Steve McNair's Titans slaughtered Brett Favre's Packers.

Game of the Week: When all looked hopeless for the Texans they were able to rally and take their game with the Vikings into overtime, unfortunately and touchdown connection between Daunte Culpepper and Marcus Robinson finally put them down

for the count.

Player of the Week: The 49ers Tim Rattay looked a lot like Joe Montana this week scoring 16 points in the closing five minutes against an amazing Cardinals defense and setting up the final overtime kick.

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This year, as most years, Longwood University has students who have chosen to study abroad through the International Studies Program. Through out the next several months one of these students, Katie Harrison, a Junior Anthropology major, will be sharing some of her experiences in day to day life and her academic life while she is studying in Ghana on the west African coast.

Life Abroad: The Ghana Journals

This is the continuance from the October 7th edition of *The Rotunda*
3 September '04, cont'd

The bus ride was only supposed to take 10 hours, but due to several stops and an hour when the bus actually broke down, we didn't get into Tamale until almost 10 p.m. Friday night.

When the bus broke down no one seemed to be shocked, which led me to believe that this was a regular occurrence that wasn't a big deal. I have started to get used to the urinals here. Basically you have to pay around 200 cedis (which isn't much) to pee in a common area with several other women. There's usually a narrow gutter that you just squat over and let loose. Toilet paper is unheard of unless you pay extra to use a toilet which is almost always filled to the top with shit...literally. Fun times, let me tell you!

At the first urinal we stopped at, Laura, Larissa, and I took turns squatting and peeing while the other two of us tried as best we could to block the one who was peeing...by the end of the trip on Monday we were letting loose without having to be blocked! We met two really nice boys, Kofi, 15 and Mute, 12, at the Tamale bus station. They were there delivering food to their uncle and saw that we had no idea where to look for a hotel. They walked with us to one hotel but because it didn't have running water we walked to another hotel, The Picorna, which was pretty nice.

Tamale is a beautiful city. Bikes rule the roads and I've found that they are actually more dangerous than taxis and trotros because they're quiet and they

don't have horns to let you know that they're right behind you. It's a predominately Muslim community with extremely nice people. We got to visit the Central Mosque which was amazing.

There were separate rooms in which men, women, and children were allowed to pray. The outside walls were covered in Arabic sayings. We were allowed on the roof of the mosque and were able to see a large part of the city.

We also visited the Cultural Center but it had pretty much the same things for sale that the

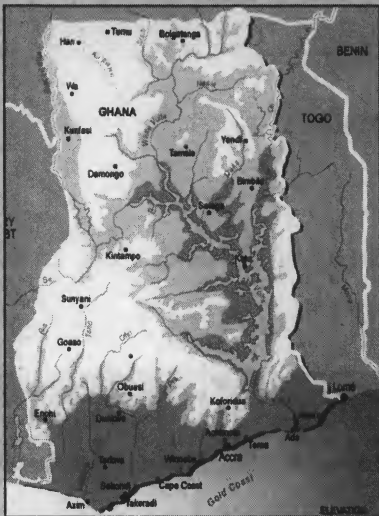
which we as Americans think of as being extremely cheap but to the average Ghanaian that's a huge chunk of money.

In the afternoon we took the OSA bus from Tamale directly into Mole National Park. And let me tell you it was the bus ride from hell! First of all, there were only 30 seats on the bus, including those that had long since lost their cushioning, so all that remained were the wooden frames which had very sharp nails sticking out of them. Large bags of rice, yams, potatoes, and

fish (yes, smelly fish) were loaded onto the bus before we could actually get on. When we started out towards the park, I thought the bus was a little crowded, but it wasn't too bad. As we kept driving more and more people got on the bus. I counted and there were about 30 people standing in the tight aisles, or sitting on top of the bus, and even hanging from the side of the bus. I literally rode with my knees to my chest and my arms squeezed in between them the entire six hours. Oh, and the majority of the road that we drove on was dirt and riddled with

huge holes. At times I thought it would be faster to just jump out and walk because of how slow the bus had to go around all of the bumps in the road. The fish that I said were on the bus melted by the time we got to the park, so we not only were covered in about an inch of red dirt from the bus kicking it up, but we also reeked of fish. It was a horrible bus ride, but I'm glad I got the experience. We got a room at the Mole Motel that night and signed up for a guided tour of the park the next morning at 6:30 a.m.

Continued next week.



<http://www.grida.no/cis-ssa/images/ghana.jpg>

Cultural Center in Accra has.

Before we left that afternoon for Mole, all four of us gave Kofi and Mute money for school. They explained to us how the government does not pay for most children's' educations.

Mute told us that his parents are farmers and still live in a village and that they refuse to pay for any of his education. They wanted him to come back to the village and work on the farm but he wants to continue living with his uncle in Tamale and try and go to school.

It's roughly about seven dollars for an entire year of school,

CD Review: Moments in Grace

U-Wire

Have you ever judged a compact disc by its cover? It isn't quite the same as a book, but the idea is similar. You examine the colors, the images, even the font of the title. Most often, it tells you nothing about what's inside. With a CD, you know there's going to be music, but that's all you would think you can venture.

Not so. The cover of *Moments in Grace's* first album, "Moonlight Survived," is in gray-toned blues and greens with black industrial buildings in the background and a white electrical tower. The artwork is striking, but it also gives the impression that the band (or, at least, its label) is trying a little too hard. Though the music created by *Moments in Grace* is nowhere near as dark as industrial, it takes the popular pop-punk and nu-metal of today and gives it an underbelly, with rich drums and lush, rising guitars.

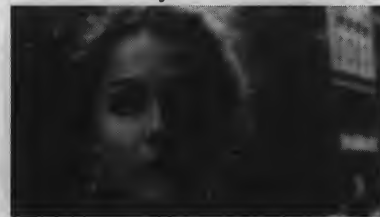
"Moonlight Survived" is mildly reminiscent of *Engine Down* (which is thanked in the liner notes) or *Dredg*, with a smidgen of *Sunny Day Real Estate*, but without feeling and also lacking the ambience and meaning. Lead guitarist and lead vocalist Jeremy Griffith doesn't whine like many pop-punk vocalists, but that's a mark he comes dangerously close to hitting.

His vocals are nothing special, and neither are the lyrics. Both the tone of Griffith's voice and the lyrics are repetitive, and each song on the album is increasingly remi-

niscient of the previous track. "This is a life built on broken promises / we lived our lives with the pain and the regret," Griffith sings twice in each chorus of "The Blurring Loss of Lines." Looking at the photograph of these men, it's likely that the most pain they've felt is from breakups with high school girlfriends.

The opening song, "Stratus," is one of the strongest on the album, as well as the band's first single. Griffith's voice hovers and holds a smooth tone as he sings, "And I cry for the death of our dove / another lover paints the sky." Still, Griffith's voice is what pulls together some of the songs, such as "Stratus" and "My Stunning Bride." He tries too hard at times, nearly yelling the lyrics, but has a beautiful falsetto that he uses expressively, providing the little amount of emotion found on the album. Even though the band treads murky waters, *Moments in Grace* is destined for radio and MTV play. It fits the formula for popular music today. The members are decent-looking males, brooding, wearing jeans and simple T-shirts and Converse All-Stars. The poppy "Don't Leave" and borderline pop-punk "My Dying Day" could easily create bridges from the emo/hardcore band to fans of other genres. *Moments in Grace* will be supporting Hot Water Music on Sunday at Slim's in San Francisco and on Monday at the Vets Hall in Santa Cruz.

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Nearly Half of All Undergraduates Do Not Apply for Financial Aid, New Report Shows

National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

In 1999-2000, almost one-half of all undergraduates did not apply for federal financial aid, according to a new study from the American Council on Education's (ACE) Center for Policy Analysis.

ACE's report, "Missed Opportunities: Students Who Do Not Apply for Financial Aid," shows that 49.8% of all undergraduates, or roughly 8 million students who were enrolled in academic credit courses at postsecondary education institutions during the 1999-2000 school year, did not file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) the form needed to qualify for federal student aid.

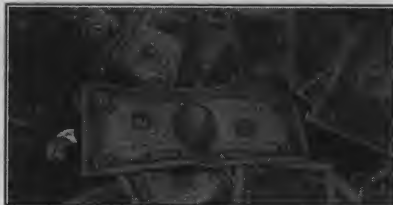
Because the FAFSA is also

used by many states and postsecondary institutions to determine eligibility for their aid, it is likely that most non-FAFSA applicants

The report estimates that 1.7 million low- and moderate-income students, representing 21% of all students who did not apply for aid, came from families with income of less than \$20,000. About half of these students may have qualified for Pell Grant aid had they completed a FAFSA.

The proportion of individuals not applying for federal financial assistance varies by income level, financial dependency status, and institution type. About 83% of independent students with annual income of \$50,000 or more did not file a FAFSA, compared with 57% of dependent students from families with income of \$80,000 or higher.

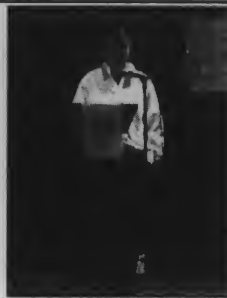
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Roughly half of all undergraduates did not file a FAFSA in 1999-2000, a new ACE report shows. Photo by Zach Nieland

also were unable to receive aid from state or institutional grant and loan programs.

While the majority of these students were from higher-income families that may not have applied for financial aid, a substantial minority of them may have been eligible for Federal Pell Grant aid or other assistance.



Susan Stinson, Lecturer in English at Longwood, reads. Photo by Scott Dill

Janet Jones
Staff Writer

On Tuesday night, Longwood's creative writing program hosted their second annual Will Read for Food charity event.

The event involved writers from Longwood volunteering their time to read their own poems, fiction and non-fiction in return for an admission cost of one can of food, all of which went toward the Prince Edward County food bank. Mary Carroll-

Will Read For Food Deemed a Rousing Success

Charity reading benefits P.E. County food banks

Hackett and her student Ed board hosted the reading in the café of Lankford Student Union.

There were twenty-two readers in all, including students, faculty and alumni. Poems were read dealing with the issues of love, lust, escape and hot sauce in North Carolina.

Dr. Salyer shared some poetry about a catfish apocalypse and playing basketball of which he said, "I wrote this when I was in Alabama and it was not a good time. I have not written any poetry since then, probably because I have been relatively happy." Other faculty members that read were Dr. Burgess, Dr. Stinson, Dr. Hursey and Dr. Frazier.

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Unity Alliance Celebrates National Coming Out Day

Ashley Dow
Staff Writer

On Monday, October 11th National Coming Out Day was celebrated for the first time at Longwood.

The day celebrates and raises awareness concerning the experiences of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) people when they reveal their sexual orientation to friends and family. Many closeted GLBT individuals also use the day to "come out" themselves. Unity Alliance (UA), a campus organization for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and straight students sponsored the day.

To honor the day, many members of UA wrote of their coming out experience on large cards, which were attached to lampposts on Brock Commons with multi-colored yarn. Members met at 2am to hang-up the cards.

"The purpose of the cards were to make students, faculty

and staff aware that there are gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students on campus," said Walter Gray, co-president of UA.

"We also wanted the cards to reach out to students who may be struggling with their own coming out experience. We want them to know we are here to help."

Unfortunately, a large portion of the student population was unable to view the cards on Brock Commons. All of the cards were removed from the lampposts early Monday morning. It is unclear as to why the cards had to be removed or who asked for them to be taken down.

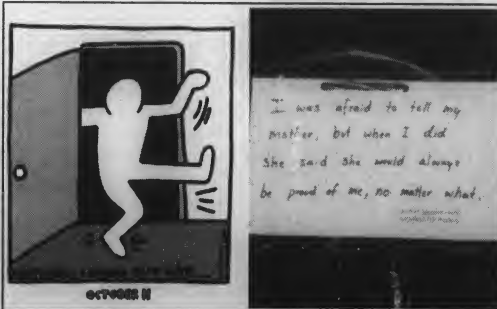
"We have gotten most of the cards back," stated Gray. "I am in the process of talking to the administration as to why our cards were removed. We hope to display the cards somewhere on campus very soon."

UA has existed on campus

since 1981. Since then, UA has at one time been an underground organization and or very selective in choosing members. Presently, UA is a strong student organization working toward promoting

gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender students at Longwood," said a sophomore member of UA.

"We want to promote a general openness by the student body



National Coming Out Day logo (left). One of several signs put up by UA members on Brock Commons (right). Photo by Amy Whipple

the acceptance of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people.

"A lot of students do not realized that there is a large group of

and faculty. We should be able to walk across campus holding hands and not have people staring at us."

One of the first steps in creating openness among students and faculty would be to change the equal opportunity statement in the student handbook. Currently the statement does not protect sexual orientation. However, the Student Government Association protects sexual orientation in their statement of non-discrimination.

"We have no protection according to the handbook," stated a sophomore member of UA.

"The statement needs to be changed to prevent current and future discrimination." UA is planning to celebrate National Coming Out Day annually from now on. On December 1st they will be observing National Aids Awareness Day.

"There has always been initiative within UA to do things on campus," said Gray. "This year we have great student members who are dedicated to planning events which help promote awareness and tolerance."

Words from the Copy Editor: Making Informed Decisions



Six months ago I attended a protest in Washington D.C. to "Save Women's Lives." This title sounds like a vague, huge task that someone such as myself is not capable of doing. There were over one million people there that day to save women's lives. George Bush should be proud that he caused the largest women's rights protest in American history.

If you are unfamiliar with his intentions, he is trying to regress what women have been persevering and fighting for, for years upon years. This protest was sparked when the Bush administration declared their intent to make abortion illegal, the morning after pill illegal in colleges, and birth control more difficult to obtain. Despite the good intentions, people are going to have sex and people are going to

be impregnated with unwanted children.

Another change trying to be amended into the Constitution is the end of gay marriage. I know George Bush wants to keep the sanction of marriage, with its 40% divorce rate, sacred in our society, but these are still people who deserve the same human rights and should not be discriminated against. If you can get married without being in love, why should different sexual organs be required?

The other main point being made at this protest was the objection to the war in Iraq. How can a whole country of educated people support the war, with its oxymoron title, "the war on terror"? Let's end violence with violence. In the past this has always worked; peace has come and remained since the first war. Right? There will never be a war to end all wars; unless we are all killed, which is not an improbable concept. I, like the rest of you do

not want to think about this anymore. I want to think about peace. I want to think about it not being justified to kill another man because he resides on land located on the other side of an ocean. Because he was born somewhere else and has different religious views. Because he does not want our government invading his country.

I believe that many people are under the false impression as to why we are fighting. Our first reason for rushing into this war in Iraq was based on faulty intelligence and false assurances that they were involved in the 9/11 attacks with no plan to win peace. It was later discovered that Iraq actually had nothing to do with the attack on 9/11.

So next, weapons of mass destruction were fabricated. While these were never found, Korea openly admitted that they did harbor these weapons and if that is what we are after, then we should attack them. As you know we did not and have now heightened the hatred Korea held for us. Not to mention the anger we invoked in Europe.

Finally we decided that we would democratize this society.

This situation reminds me of another war, where the point was to democratize a country. This war, in Vietnam, was pointless and achieved nothing but death. One of our English professors at Longwood, Dr. Lund, was actually drafted during the Vietnam War. Dr. Lund shared that, "this experience convinced me that it was an ill-conceived war. People died for no noble cause and a democracy was not created."

While the draft is not in effect now, how can we believe that it will not be again? All of the military volunteers, including those in the National Reserve, have been called out. Since there are no more volunteer American bodies to send, they are going to have to be forced. This time it is not going to be Dr. Lund or others from his generation because they have already experienced this. This time it is going to be you and me and your brothers and sisters and friends.

The policy that America has set forth will require more people to fight for this cause. If you think

that the war is a good idea, then expect to be in it. If not, then I suggest that you think long and hard for whom you are voting for and why.

With that said, I know that in the end I did contribute to saving women's lives. Not only did I march in D.C., but last week I voted, not for George Bush. He may win the election and he may ruin our lives, but if that happens I will know that I did all that I could to save myself and women and people who don't want to be drafted and people who care about global and family planning and the people in Iraq that want us to leave them alone and homosexuals and people who believe in choice and people who are against unjustified violence and people who want choice and those people who just want a leader with a better knowledge of the English language and oratory skills.

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Response to Attendance Activist of Oct. 14th

Dear Editor,

As a professor, I agree with Sarah Barkdull: Class attendance SHOULD be voluntary.

A number of changes are needed to make that a reality.

This means that class should be so important that in order to succeed, students must attend and want to attend.

Class should be an interesting place to be two or three times a week.

This is the difference between reading about family systems and visiting with a family to apply that and other theories over a semester.

It is the difference between passive and active learning.

This would mean change.

Students: You would be challenged to read material outside of class and be prepared to ask questions about it, to apply it as you look in the microscope or analyze a case study.

You wouldn't have nicely organized Power Point slides to study from or be able to read the chapters the night before a multiple choice test.

This would mean exploring an

area outside your initial interest area for 3 1/2 months.

Imagine that you might find something interesting in the lit class or statistics.

Faculty: Imagine walking into class with a group of students who genuinely want to be there.

This doesn't happen from using handouts or Power Point slides covering material from the text or giving the same lecture year after year.

Voluntary attendance means inspiring imaginations about your subject matter.

It would mean going beyond the textbook to invent inspiring projects and applications that engage students.

It might mean covering less content in order to make it meaningful.

It would mean creating assignments that assess learning instead of testing short-term memorization.

Yes, this might mean spending more time planning or maybe just time spent differently with the inspiration that drew us to teaching.

Administrators: The change toward voluntary attendance would be palpable on campus.

Imagine students calling home to share their excitement about their public relations campaign going on-line instead of dorm conditions.

Imagine students' lasting connection to their fellow classmates, faculty and Longwood.

However, this change also would need support: smaller classes, more tenure-track faculty and planning time.

Some changes have been made in this direction.

However, we lack sustained support to make learning at the center of what we do.

This may seem idealistic, but what better place to be idealistic than an institution of higher learning?

If we can't imagine it, then who will?

Let's make attendance voluntary by creating classes we ALL want to go to.

-Lucinda Sinclair
Communication Studies

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A Guide to Food in Farmville The Three Categories of Culinary Delight

Tanner Keith
Opinion Editor

When I think of the Town of Farmville, I rarely think of a fine dining community.

After living here for more than a year, I can say that I know everything I need to about the restaurants, eateries, and dining establishments here in Farmville.

I am obviously an expert on food, because I eat it everyday, sometimes more than once.

Being the food critic extraordinaire that I am, I have divided places for the average college student into several categories.

First category: D-hall.

The dining hall gets its own special category.

It's not because it has big new salad bars or such a great variety. It's not because of the French fries or the bubble-gum ice cream.

The dining hall gets its own category because the food sucks, the crowds suck, and I find that the thing I say more often than anything else in line at D-hall is, "excuse me, I'd like some service."

It seems that the quality of food is closely related to my financial status, thus forcing me to eat there for almost every meal.

The best part about D-Hall, well, there really isn't a best anything in D-Hall.

I would suggest eating as many meals as you possibly could in the Café, or anywhere else if you can afford to do so.

How they could improve: short of Iron Chef Sakai fixing my every meal, not much.

Second Category: Fast Food.

Being a college town, I'm sure that all of the fast food

restaurants in town get plenty of business.

There's Burger King, Wendy's, Taco Bell, McDonalds, Arby's, and Dairy Queen.

Now, speaking for myself, I like to get fast food when there is a particular craving for decent burgers and fries, or for a frosty and some chicken nuggets.

Fast food satisfies that tug in my stomach, that love of beef patties and apple pie substitutes.

Fast food achieves its maximum potential when there's that desire, that yearning for it.

Yeah, I'm talking about the munchies.

If I had to rank these establishments, Wendy's would be at the top on account of the dollar menu and the spicy chicken sandwich.

You just can't beat a place like Wendys that's also open late.

Burger King comes next for the Whopper and their top-notch fries.

Taco Bell, of course, for grilled stuffed burritos and the new tropical lime Mountain Dew.

I'm personally not a big fan of McDonalds, mainly because of that food poisoning incident.

Dairy Queen is next, because I really only go to DQ for a Blizzard.

Arby's is last on my list because Arby's is about as appetizing as D-hall's Saturday nights.

The best thing about fast food restaurants in Farmville absolutely has to be Wendy's dollar menu.

How to improve fast food conditions in Farmville: Open up a White Castle, no question about it.

Third category: Everything else.

This includes everything from that little sandwich place on main street, to Captain Sea's Seafood, to Charleys, Farmville's hot date spot.

Now, there has already been an article on Captain Sea's, but I feel the need to tell the public that ribs should absolutely never-ever be

ordered there, with no exception.

Charleys Waterfront Cafe is definitely a great place to go to.

The Sandwich and Soup combo is usually what I get for lunch. Don't forget the desserts made by Anne Simboli, especially the Lime Tart, which is exceptional.

Order wings from the Wingshack for the superbowl, but definitely don't go more than once a year.

The little sandwich place downtown is nice, but it seems like the usual crowd there is the Farmville pseudo-intellectuals.

There's Country Cookin' spelled with an apostrophe instead of the letter 'g' for a down home effect.

You might have noticed last week on their sign, dessert was spelled "desert".

Raised in the south, I know that Country Cookin' is simply an elaborate scheme to fool people into thinking that they will get a decent meal.

HA!

Don't forget the favorite: Huddle House.

Nothing beats Huddle House after a long night of... doing anything really.

Open 24/7, nothing beats the Huddle House, with plenty of interesting characters to look at, a jukebox and cheeseburgers and hashbrowns whenever you please.

There's also Pino's which looks like it jumped straight out of an 80's teen movie, with the exception of beer-drinking college students.

Speaking of beer drinking, don't forget about Mulligan's, the average sports bar for college students.

There's happy hour, drinks, fights, and attractive to more attractive waitresses depending on how many you've had I'm sure.

How to improve the rest of Farmville: I'd like to see a Japanese steakhouse, and of course, this town needs a White Castle.

props and drops

The Rotunda would like to encourage anyone and everyone to submit props and drops to rotunda@longwood.edu

Props:

- + To Halloween in only 3 days.
- + To "Will Read for Food."
- + To the Red Sox for WINNING The World Series.
- + To heat in some of the dorms.
- + To homemade potato chips in the cafe.
- + To Men's Soccer for almost winning against UVA.

Drops:

- To no heat in some dorms.
- To failing mid-terms.
- To people who didn't register to vote.
- To razorblades in apples.
- To wasteful people.

Speak Out

What is your favorite Halloween memory of all time?



Our Halloween Date Party while pledging.
- Elanie Barrett

When we had the haunted hayride at my church and I actually got to jump out and scare children.
- Sarah Davis



I was Lady Luck and I had lottery tickets and dollar bills pinned to my dress.
- Lorin Capps



When I was in 4th grade I dressed up as Barbie and a lady liked it so much that she gave me more candy and showed me her Barbie collection.
- Karly Terger



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Staff Member's Home Vandalised; Farmville, LU Police Suspect Longwood Student Involvement

Compiled from Staff Reports

According to both Farmville and Longwood Police, on Saturday, October 23rd, the home of a Longwood staff member was vandalized and defaced with an ethnic slur that was spray-painted on the exterior of the home.

The incident was reported by the homeowner to the Farmville Police at approximately 1:00a.m.

Both the Farmville Police and Longwood University Police

departments have begun a joint investigation and believe that this incident may be linked to Longwood students.

Both departments are asking anyone with information to come forward.

Students and faculty may respond anonymously by accessing the following web site: <http://www.longwood.edu/police/> and clicking on to the "Report a Crime Anonymously" link, or call 2091.

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Conversely, just 20% of dependent students from families with income below \$20,000 did not apply for aid, and 24% of independents with income lower than \$10,000 were non-FAFSA filers.

Additionally, more than 67% of students at community colleges did not apply for aid, compared with 42% at four-year public colleges, 33% at four-year private non-profit four-year institutions, and 13% at proprietary (private, for-profit) schools.

The reasons for not applying for aid also varied, ranging from: students or their families could not afford to pay college costs without aid (41% of non-filers), to students' family income was too high to qualify for aid (24%), to students missed application deadline (9%).

However, the report suggests that some of these reasons may actually be due to students' misinformation about the federal

financial aid process, as there is no set deadline for filing the FAFSA and students may apply for federal assistance at any point during the academic year.

Almost one-quarter of the non-FAFSA filers from the lowest-family-income level said they did not apply because they missed the application deadline.

Because there is no application deadline for federal aid, many of these students might have qualified for some assistance had they completed the application process.

The report concludes that nearly one-fifth of all dependent low-income undergraduates and one-quarter of low-income independent students did not file a FAFSA, but many of these students may have qualified for federal aid had they done so. Students' lack of information regarding the aid process may have contributed to their unwillingness or inability to take advantage of federal financial aid programs.

READ cont'd p.1

Mary Carroll-Hackett shared a short story and Dr. Lund read the prologue to his next book.

Students shared works written in high school, classes here or outside of the school. Some pieces that stood out were those on child abuse, the life of a vampire and a dialogue concerning the splitting of things after a relationship, particularly condoms.

Carroll-Hackett said that Will Read for Food was much more successful this year. Six boxes of food were collected and ninety dollars was raised. "Helping food banks is a personal passion of

mine. It does not make any sense that we live in the richest country in the world and there are still people without food", Carroll-Hackett said.

This idea was modeled after similar readings that took place nationwide called Writers Harvest. The creative writing program here at Longwood is trying to take Will Read for Food to the state level. Next year, Hollins University and Randolph Macon Women's college will also be participating.

Commented Carroll-Hackett, "hopefully one day we can have writers voices raised on the same day to fight hunger everywhere."

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month Zeta Tau Alpha raises money, awareness at Longwood

Ashley Dow
Staff Writer

Breast cancer is detected in 250,000 women annually. The disease not only affects women, but their family and friends who support them in their battle against breast cancer.

During October, family and friends of cancer victims and survivors and others supporting a cure for breast cancer have been celebrating National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The month is dedicated to promoting breast self-examinations, lowering breast cancer risk factors and early detection.

Many college age women join in the fight against breast cancer by supporting organizations such as the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and the American Cancer Society.

Joining the fight, Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity (ZTA) has consistently raised thousands of dol-

lars in support of breast cancer research and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The foundation was at one point the fraternity's national philanthropy. However, with the increase of women being diagnosed with breast cancer in recent years, their philanthropy has changed to breast cancer awareness in general.

"Our main emphasis use to be placed upon the Susan G. Komen Foundation," stated Sara Beth Radford, ZTA President. "However, as a whole we felt it more important to promote breast cancer awareness and not just one foundation."

Often college age women do not think they can be diagnosed with breast cancer at their young age. Even though their risk of developing breast cancer is low, the importance of early detection and a healthy lifestyle are life-long principles for young

women to live by.

To help young women adopt those principles, ZTA hosted an educational program in conjunction with the Health and Wellness Center. The program taught women the anatomy and physiology of a breast and the techniques necessary to properly conduct a breast self-examination.

In addition, ZTA passed out shower cards to women, detailing how to conduct a self-exam. Pink ribbons were also handed to all students, symbolizing the searching of a cure for breast cancer and ZTA's Think Pink motto. The Think Pink motto is to serve as a constant reminder of the need for self-exams and a healthy lifestyle.

"We want to show everyone that breast cancer affects so many people," said Sara Beth Radford, ZTA President. "You never know when a friend, sister, mother or girlfriend will be diagnosed with breast cancer."

Students Invited To Enter Environmentally Oriented "Canopy Prize" Competition

U-Wire

CANOPY Publishing today announced The CANOPY Prize for innovation in the use of CO2 (carbon dioxide). The prize, open to college students and independent researchers seeks an innovative and practical use for CO2 that will open worldwide markets for sequestered CO2 and limit Global Warming.

"Currently, the utility industry, and other point source industries, are working to reduce their output of CO2 into our atmosphere," says CANOPY Publishing's author D. H. Gottlieb--and driving force behind the award.

"To achieve this CO2 reduction expensive processes are used to adjust the burning of fuels so that the CO2 is capturable and put into a form that is transportable--in some cases pipelines span miles and miles.

After transport the CO2 is stored: either in saline aquifers kilometers underground, and

and water fields far under the ocean, or depleted oil and coal reservoirs. The cost is enormous, the equipment needed measured in football-field-sized increments."

"Developing a market for your obstacles is good business. So when we develop a viable market for the CO2," says author D. H. Gottlieb, "the process of CO2 sequestration will proceed at a faster clip--because the CO2 removal is no longer a cost item but a revenue source for industry.

As a result, the removal of CO2 will proceed more efficiently and another small step in addressing climate change will occur."

CANOPY Publishing, in offering this seed money, also seeks other NGOs and stakeholders to contribute to the prize award so that we might further spur development of businesses which have a negative carbon footprint while at the same time strengthening our economy.

"Too often, the process of environmental stewardship misses the opportunity of eclipsing the marketplace. We at CANOPY Publishing are cognizant of this problem and we seek to set an example of cooperation with other organizations working towards a vibrant economy focusing on sustainable development," says publisher Deborah Perry.

The \$1,000 prize will be announced on Earth Day, 2006.

For additional information contact Deborah Perry, telephone 360.376.6074

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Career Center Upcoming Events

How to Prepare for the
Challenge Job & Internship Fair
Monday, October 25 at 5 pm
OR

Thursday, October 28 at 5 pm

Resume and Cover Letter Writing
Tuesday, October 26 at 4 pm

Hiner 201

Registration is required for all events. To sign up, please call x2063 or email career@longwood.edu. All events are in Lancaster 139 unless otherwise noted.

These companies are currently accepting resumes:
Brown, Edwards & Co., LLP; Geico; Kearney & Company; Southern Teachers Agency; NVR Ryan Homes; Enterprise Rent-a-Car; BDO Seidman, LLP; DMG Securities; and Winterham Plantation.

We at the Rotunda would like to take
the time to wish Anne Simboli the
BEST BIRTHDAY EVER
on her big day, October 31! Happy Halloween,
Anne, and have a very Happy Birthday!



Love,

The Rotunda Staff

THURSDAY:

Wind Symphony Concert with conductor Dr. Gordon Ring

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Little Voices

By: Ellie Woodruff



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Movie Review: *The Grudge*

Another Japanese remake makes for an interesting, horrific, movie

Anthony Sinecoff
Guest Writer

The Grudge may be a close cousin of *The Ring*, but some differences make it worth seeing. Director Takashi Shimizu creates a chilling atmosphere as he remakes his own original Japanese thriller, *Ju-On* (*The Grudge*), in a way well-suited to scare American audiences.

Like *The Ring*, we have an unwitting female, who is trying to uncover the mystery behind a series of deaths.

The movie is a replay of how the house came to its current, creepy, state of affairs.

Sara Michelle Gellar plays Karen, an American student, who does part-time work as a caregiver for extra credit.

Karen is sent to check on an elderly woman (Emma) when Yoko, the previous caregiver, disappears, failing to show up for work.

We learn that Emma has come to Japan with her two adult children - Susan (KaDee Strickland) and Matthew (William Mapother) - and with Matthew's wife,

Jennifer (DuVall).

Emma is catatonic when Karen arrives, probably because of a pale, probably dead kid and black cat hiding in an upstairs closet.

As the story unfolds, we learn the mystery behind the entity that kills anyone who enters the house (hint: it has something to do with the former owners and a tragic death involving rage).

Although these types of stories are seemingly predictable, we are caught attempting to figure out the intricacies of the plot.

Several unique special effects and eerie "what's behind the door?" scenes enable us to suspend our ideas of the cliché horror as the story unravels.

After a few minutes of Ringesque research, Karen is on her way to settle the curiosity.

Geller's character, while undeveloped, plays a role the suits the audience: confused, scared, and curious.

We, like her, are on the journey to uncover what story lies behind the evil.

Bill Pullman's role as a suicidal American professor, while brief,

is remarkable for his non-verbal cues.

His facial expressions and movements help paint the atmosphere of a slow and methodical fright.

While the movie is shown out of sequence, it is not in the *Pulp Fiction* fashion; rather it is on a more linear level, with different time periods merely overlapping others.

This is seemingly used to portray the plot without using traditional techniques of predictability.

The movie, even though a remake, stays uniquely Japanese.

One of the starkest differences between Western fright tales and those of the Far East are that the evils cannot be held to reason.

No matter how much research and knowledge the main character can uncover, it does not mean that there will be a fitting denouement.

That critical point ensures the success of such imports - the ability to hold the movie goes in suspense even after the movie has ended.



Those before us have challenged us to seize this day. We at The Rotunda now challenge you to do the same. Capture an instance in your life, using around 190 words or less, that has made a lifelong impression. Please e-mail The Rotunda with your responses at an question: rotunda@longwood.edu

Carpe Diem

The trip home was different this time. 307 never looked so beautiful; the leaves had overwhelmed themselves with color, and I knew it meant change. "Breath" was playing, and I looked ahead - I couldn't tell if it was the sky or the road, but I knew I was heading there. I started to sing along (since I sing professionally in the car) and it hit me harder than anything in a long time.

When it all falls down: I have the control of my fate. You can't control the heartache and backstabbing, but you can walk away. Walking away makes you better. People will always try to bring you down to their level.

Mandy Amazon

The World Has Turned and Left Me Here

Mandy Amazon
Staff Writer

Dear Mandy,

I am 18 and now able to vote. I see that MTV and other popular programs are pushing us to get out there and vote and well... I just don't see why? Does my vote even count?

I don't really have a political party and don't want to choose a president just because of a political party. My parents are pretty conservative and I agree with some of their ideals but I also agree with some liberal ideals as well.

Is it really that important for me to go out and vote even though I am not extremely educated in politics and government itself?

M.C

Dear M.C.,

I can totally see where the confusion comes in. Here is what it comes down to: it is vital that you vote. When I was 18, I didn't want to vote, because I felt that

my vote DIDN'T count. I felt that the Electoral College was crap and undermining the American's intelligence. I felt that the people's votes were warped to please a particular president, and that I was going to be wasting my time. Now, I am 21 and though I still feel that the Electoral College is a crock of crap, I KNOW how important it is to vote.

First of all, I really hate how people go around and complain all the time about life or an unfair policy, yet they do nothing to change it. Same goes with voting: if you are going to whine and complain, have the guts and respect to vote. If you aren't willing to change a situation or at least be apart of a change, DON'T COMPLAIN!

About the political preference concern, don't vote just on a party preference. Of course some people do... they are selling themselves short by doing so. But

please educate yourself on each political party AND candidate. This is so important, because if you vote for them and they win, then they will be pushing for issues that you either agree or disagree with. THEY ARE MAKING DECISIONS THAT WILL AFFECT YOUR LIFE! Take it very seriously. Personally I am a little bit of both, I am a Libertarian in that I am fiscally conservative and socially liberal. Let me just say that I DON'T believe in the legalization of drugs. I see what they do to people now, and I know that it would be worse if the drugs were easier to use and possess. How is that important? Well, I take into consideration what both candidates have to say about the drug issue and that is a partial influence on my choice for a president.

There are so many ways for us to educate ourselves on our government. It is important that we

do so. If we don't know, then we won't know when our rights are being violated. So read a book, watch a movie, or sit in on a government lecture. WATCH THE DAILY SHOW!!!

Your vote does count. If you are like me and feel that it doesn't count Electoral College wise then know that it counts to you. It is a personal satisfaction that you are taking part in government, the legal way, and you know that you are affecting public policy. Also, you will win respect with me when you want to get into a political debate. Wow, that right there is worth voting for. Just kidding, but seriously, you will.

This year is vital that you vote. The next 4 years of our lives are at stake. The draft, stem cell

research, more war, drugs, and even your social security (that you will never see at the rate we are going). Vote, it's your right as an American; it is your right as a human being. We don't get offered many things by the government so for God's sake, take it. Oh, by the way, GO KERRY! You really thought I wasn't going to say it didn't you? No, you can't write me without suffering the wrath of my opinion. Good luck next time though!

Until then Boys and Girls,

Mandy Amazon

If you would like to write to Mandy for some advice, please email the Rotunda at rotunda@longwood.com and in the subject as **ADVICE COLUMN QUESTION**. Thanks!

Bowling Makes Tuesday the New Thursday

Shawn Slotke
Staff Writer

Longwood students have often regarded the start of the weekend as Thursday night.

It's the time to start the party, hit the one-(maybe two) bars in Farmville, and generally have a good time.

But what happens when Thursday night's festivities are moved to Tuesday night?

You have "College Night" at Main St. Bowling Lanes. Students from Longwood and Hamden Sydney are flocking to the bowling alley on Tuesday nights like it's going out of style.

With 26 teams entered, College Night has exploded to be the newest phenomenon in Farmville.

Dave Carmichael, owner of the Main St. Lanes is thrilled that students have responded in such a positive way to college night. "We started doing college night 5

years ago in the fall of 1999 and it went pretty well for 2 years. But then there was a lack of interest for about a year and half," he explained. "It was really in the fall of '03 when all the fraternities and sororities got teams together that College Night was a success again."

tured.

Isa Cohen and Leanne Kibler of the "Duplex Flex" team have both been in the top 4 for female bowlers.

"I don't know how I got to be in the top 4 last week, I think it's because I bought a more expensive pitcher that week," Cohen

lege girls and guys can compete equally," he says. "It's really fun to just watch too, even if you aren't that into the competition."

Along with an increase in competition, the 2004 fall marks a rise in participation for College Night. Shannon "Bobblehead" Sting from the "Bowling

Bunnies" is a second year veteran of College Night. "There are more teams this year and a lot more enthusiasm," she said.

"It's great to have so many people coming to hanging out too, even if they don't bowl."

Sting has also been in the top 4 bowlers ranking in previous weeks.

Even for students who aren't on a team, College Night provides a mid-week break from classes and stress.

Carmichael agrees, "we chose Tuesday night as college night as a suggestion from some of our student employees.

It's a good time for the kids in the middle of the week."

With all this excitement, College Night will likely continue to be a hit within the Longwood Community.

So if you haven't been there yet, make sure to stop by Main St. Lanes next Tuesday and enjoy something that only those of us who live in Farmville could appreciate: BOWLING!



Isa Cohen

It certainly is a success with fraternities, sororities and groups of friends filling all 24 lanes every Tuesday night.

For just \$5, each bowler gets three games and shoes for the night. Prizes at the end of the semester will be given for the highest male and female average as well as for the first place overall team.

"We're also going to get a nice surprise for the last place team," Carmichael said.

Individual and team scores are calculated and then distributed to each team the following week.

The top four male and female individual bowlers as well as the top male, female, and overall teams are fea-



Leanne Kibler

said.

Kibler said she enjoys College Night because of the competition. "It's also funny how some people take it really seriously and others just don't care at all."

Carmichael says he has noticed a rise in competition this year from other years too. "This is really the only sport where col-

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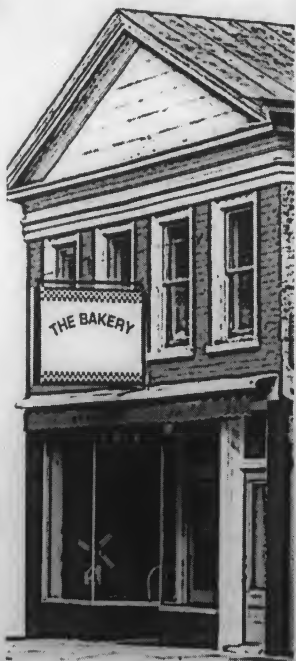
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Longwood Gets Down on the Farm

Ashley Reams
Staff Writer

Not many Longwood students are aware that in addition to its 60-acre campus and 100-acre golf course, Longwood owns more than 500 acres of land about three hours away from Farmville in Westmoreland County, VA.

Hull Springs Farm is situated in the eastern part of Westmoreland County between Glebe Creek and Aimes Creek, both of which run into the Potomac River. The farm was bequeathed to the Longwood University Foundation by Mary Farley Ames Lee when she passed away in December of 1999. Lee was a student at Longwood who graduated in 1938. She was very interested in preserving the land and wanted it to be used as a teaching and research institution, which Longwood has been doing since 1993.

Dr. James Jordan, professor of Anthropology, was the first to visit the farm and has been the only professor to regularly take his archeology students there on digs each year. According to a *Northern Neck News* article by Jan Ohrmundt, Lee became interested in excavating an area on the farm since she "remembered that her father would not till there because he said it was where Indians had lived."

The farm contains a number of archeological sites, both prehistoric and historic. A total of 540 of Longwood's archeology students have excavated for a total of 17 weeks on the property. Their survey and testing has revealed (among other things) that "based on the evidence of projectile points types, and other stone tools, prehistoric Native American Indians were present on the farm as early as 3,800 years before the present," according to Dr. Jordan.

In addition to Dr. Jordan, a number of other professors have taken their students to the farm. These professors include Dr. Kessler for Therapeutic Recreation, Dr. Fink for Natural Sciences, Dr. Layman for Field Ecology, Dr. Wells for

Ornithology, and Dr. Ferguson for Biology.

Longwood University students and faculty have also collected data on the birds, plants, and bats found on the property.

There are three buildings on the farm. One is a camp house where students can stay overnight. It has a kitchen, where meals may be prepared by the students, and two bunkhouses that sleep 26 people dormitory style.

The second is a farmhouse, used as a private retreat. The third is the main house, which served as the family residence.

Both the farmhouse and the main house can be rented out to adult groups.

Recently, there has been some speculation regarding the "development" of a fourth structure on the land. Kathleen Register, executive director of Clean Virginia Waterways has spent the past nine months conducting a feasibility study on the property to see how the farm can best be utilized for education, research,

is healthy. Register wants to retain the functionality of the habitats, wetlands, and streamside trees. She believes very strongly that these wetlands are valuable and should be protected. The second is to restore what is degraded. Many of the wetlands on the property had been drained before Longwood came to own it. Register is interested in rebuilding these areas as close to their original condition as possible. The third is to make sure the farm is economically sustainable. Currently, Longwood has a \$1.5 million operating endowment given by Lee along with the farm. However Longwood can only use four percent of that money every year to maintain the buildings and property itself. "In general," says Register, "the committee members enthusiastically support the basic concepts of the Key Principles."

According to Register, Lee's will stipulates that Longwood cannot overdevelop the land, but can build on the property for educational purposes. In keeping consistent with Lee's wishes, if Longwood does decide to build on the farm, the structure would be a "lodge-type, multi-purpose education center that would accommodate the various groups that visit or study there," much like a 4-H Center. The education center would be called The Ames Center and would house 30-40 people. Furthermore, it would have a kitchen, sitting rooms, and bathrooms.

Register hopes that in addition to Longwood students, "K-12 educators, youth groups, civic organizations and groups devoted to life-long learning, like Elder Hostel" would be able to use the

facility.

To build The Ames Center, Longwood would have to obtain financial backing through grants and/or fundraisers.

Longwood has also talked to museums and non-profit organizations as possible partners to

center will be a place where people of all ages can come to study and understand the history of the area.

In regard to the building of the center however, "no decision of any kind has been made and no recommendation will even be made until after the first of the year when a report is due to the organization that is funding the feasibility study," stated Bobbie Burton, Vice President for University Advancement.

President Patricia Cormier believes that Hull Springs Farm is "a magnificent resource for the University" and both Dr. Jordan and Register are assured that the administration is sensitive to Lee's requests and intends to remain environmentally friendly no matter what they decide.

In any case, the farm will continue to be used for educational purposes and Lee's love for the land will be ever present to the students who visit the site.

"It is my hope that it will remain protected from overdevelopment and continue to bring joy and happiness to those who now live here and for others in the future," said Mary Farley Ames Lee.

fund the development.

The actual process of building would be a "demonstration of how to preserve the land," explained Register.

In other words, Longwood is interested in "low-impact development" of the property.

For example, if a parking lot had to be built, it would be built with consideration to how the water would run off of it and the effect that would have on the land.

Register is confident that the



Hull Springs Farm



Artifacts found on site

and ecological study.

Financial support for this survey is being provided by the Blue Moon Fund, which is based in Charlottesville and the Jessie Ball duPont Fund, another endowment given to Longwood by an alum.

Last week, Register and the Hull Springs Farm Feasibility Study Committee looked over the draft of a Key Principles Survey (an analysis conducted by Register) and discussed the document's goals. In this survey, consideration for three main points has been taken regarding improvements made to the property. The first point is to protect what

Greetings Longwood:

Since year 1900, CHI has utilized a variety of ways to publicize the days and times of walks to the Longwood community. I bet you didn't know that there was even a time when walks were not announced, and as a student, to be present was an exceptional accomplishment. However, at one point and time, CHI used "riddles and rhymes" as their source of broadcasting to Longwood when and where walks would be. Unfortunately, with Joanie on the Stony's relocation in process, the tradition of wrapping her on the day of walks has ceased. Therefore, CHI has chosen to once again challenge the student body with "Riddles and Rhymes" to make you all aware of the time and place of walks to come. So, following this sentence you will find two clues composing of a WHEN and a WHERE, decode the message and we'll see you there:

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With Xhiliation,
CHI 2005

Bizer and Women's Soccer Triumphs in Season Finale

Kyle Martin
Staff Writer

"Going into this, all I wanted was a win with my team," senior midfielder Mikaela Bizer said. The women's soccer team hosted their season finale and senior game to honor Mikaela Bizer last Friday against Howard University. After earning a 1-0 victory against Mt. Saint Mary's on October 19, the Lancers were trying to even their October record this season to 4-4. However, head coach Todd Dyer knew the task would be difficult. "We've been dealing with a lot of adversity. Three of our girls tore ACLs in 10 days," coach Dyer said.

The women's team rose to the challenge in the first half and scored two goals in three minutes, including a penalty kick by junior midfielder Melissa Cary. "For me, penalty kicks have a huge amount of pressure because you are expected to score and not let the team down," Cary said. After allowing a Howard goal at the six-

minute mark, Cary scored again in the twenty-seventh minute to give the Lancers a 3-1 lead at halftime.

Despite a two-goal advantage, head coach Todd Dyer challenged his team to play better in the second half. "I got on them at halftime a little bit. I thought Howard was fighting more than we were...I think the girls got the message and came together to play better in the second half," coach Dyer said.

Longwood responded to the challenge when Stephanie Schroeder scored the Lancers' final goal of the match. The Lancers allowed a goal with less than 15 minutes to play and held on for a 4-2 victory.

The win improved Longwood's final season record to 5-13-0. Despite the losing record, players recognize the positives of a hard-fought season. "Not looking at our record, a lot of games were close and winnable. With only losing one

senior, we still have the same mix of old players and new players. I think we accomplished a lot this year and we have a lot to look forward to concerning the development of our program," sophomore midfielder Anna Gravely said.

The match-up was also the team's senior game featuring midfielder Mikaela Bizer playing in the final game of her collegiate career. "It was a mix of emotions knowing that this was my final game as a Longwood Lancer and

the end of my competitive soccer career," Bizer said.

Coach Dyer appreciated Bizer's accomplishments and contributions to the team. "If we could clone her, we would," coach Dyer said.



"Going into this, all I wanted was a win with my team."
-Senior Mikaela Bizer (White)

QUICK HITS

Records:

Field Hockey 6 - 10
Men's Soccer 1 - 14
W. Soccer 5 - 13

Home Games This Week:

Sunday - Mens Soccer vs. UNC-Asheville @ 2pm

Players of the Week:

Field Hockey
Katie Murphy, 1 goal
Men's Soccer
Chris Miller, 1 goal
Women's Soccer
Melissa Cary, 2 goals

NFL REPORT: Week Seven

Patrick Sullivan
Sports Editor

The big story heading into this week has been the showdown between the two undefeated division rivals, the Jets and the Patriots. The Jets are coming in with their best start ever in their long history while the Patriots had just broken the longest consecutive regular season winning streak. These two teams know that every football-hungry eye was on them for this intense game, and they did not disappoint. Playing tremendous defense these two teams kept the game exciting until the final minutes when the Patriots' defense helped them walk away with yet another win and the top spot in their division.

This was one of the few close

games this weekend. The Jaguars were able to keep up with the high-powered offense of the Colts until the closing minutes as the Jags sealed the deal with a field goal. The Raiders also managed to stay competitive against the streaky Saints, though they still limped away with a loss.

Most other games were complete blow-outs; none more so than the Chiefs' running backs' record breaking performance against the Falcons. The Vikings, with an injured Randy Moss found a way to run all over the Steve McNair-less Titans. Emmitt Smith also had a good rushing day as he posted his 78th 100-yard-game as his Cardinals trounced the Seahawks. Speaking of big performances by former Cowboys, Deion Sanders picked

off the Bills twice to help the Ravens to an easy victory.

The Bengals also easily upset the favored Broncos in a Monday night showdown. The Giants' four game win streak was finally broken after a loss to the Lions. Miami was able to catch their first win of the season after destroying the Rams. Tampa Bay also continues to be able to easily defeat Chicago whenever the two meet.

Player of the Week: The Packers finally won a game at home this week as Ahman Green rushed for 163 yards and two touchdowns against the Cowboys.

Game of the Week: The Eagles were able to stay undefeated after an explosive game that ended in an overtime field goal to finally pull off a win against the Browns.

Men's Soccer Takes National Ranked UVa to the Limit

Kyle Martin
Staff Writer

The men's soccer team faced its toughest challenge of the season last Wednesday by going on the road to face the third-ranked University of Virginia (UVa) Cavaliers. After losing to Marshall University on October 17, the Lancers implemented a strategy change to battle the Cavaliers. "We played to get a tie in regulation to try to win in overtime," head coach Dave Barrueta said.

Despite UVa holding a 28-1 shot advantage in the match, the Lancers relied on feisty defensive play. "We moved a lot more as a unit defensively. The game plan was not to let UVa spread us defensively," Prentice said.

With a concentration on defense, the ability of the goalie to block and save shots was critical for the Lancers' success. Freshman goalkeeper Matt VanOekel recorded a game-high eight saves to help force the match into overtime.

Longwood and UVa headed into the extra session scoreless, giving the Lancers a chance to

succeed with their strategy. The team came short of the upset when the Cavaliers scored on a chip shot past goalie VanOekel in the fifth minute of overtime to win the match.

Despite the loss, Longwood players and coaches alike recognize the consolation in losing a close game to an established opponent. "You have to play a style to win and that was defense. [UVa was] scared, frustrated, and didn't know what to do," senior captain Stuart Bertsch said.

Assistant coach Jon Atkinson said, "We played the number three team in the nation on the road and to get a draw in regulation, it's a big plus for the program."

The loss to UVa drops Longwood's season record to 1-13-0 on the season with four games remaining, including an away contest against Wofford on October 26.

"If we prepare and are focused on the task, the game should go our way definitely," freshman forward Elvis Cosic said.

Sports Blast From the Past: "Teams Now Known as Lancers" from November 22, 1977

This article was originally written by Debbie Northern and was published Nov. 22, 1977

Longwood students voted on November 16 on a college nickname. The choices were between the Lancers and the Blue Jackets. By a 9-1 margin (965-101) the students approved the Lancers as a nickname.

The Process of Longwood's nickname search began one year ago when the Board of Visitors charged the Intercollegiate Athletic Committee to compile a list of possible nicknames. The IAC came up with 88 names which had been submitted by students, faculty, and alumni.

In February of this year, 500 faculty, staff, and students voted on twelve of these suggested names. The IAC submitted the top five names; Crusaders, Lancers, Lions, Pioneers, and Virginians, to the Board of Visitors, but expressed a sense of reservation about the appropriateness of any of them. The Board asked the IAC to look further into the matter.

Dr. T.C. Dalton, chairman of the IAC, appointed a nickname committee, with Dr. Emeric Noone as chairman. This committee brought a list of ten names to the IAC, which chose four, the Lancers, Blue Jackets, Saints, and Crusaders, to send to the Board.

In the Board's November meeting, they deadlocked on the Lancers and the Blue Jackets. Instead of deciding the issue at the meeting, the Board members referred the vote to the students.

Weekly Trivia Who is the Curse of the Bambino Named After?

Last Week's Answer: Blue Jackets

If you would like to submit a trivia question send an email to rounda@longwood.edu subject "Trivia" with your question, answer and name (if desired).

NBA PREVIEW

Part One of Two

Kyle Castillo
Staff Writer

Football season is in full swing, and the Red Sox may actually break one of the most prolific curses in professional sports. With so much going on in the sports world it is hard to believe that it is already time for the Detroit Pistons to have to defend their NBA crown. It truly is a new era in the Western conference of the NBA; some of the annual title contenders have been either dismantled (Lakers), or are on the verge of falling apart (Kings). And while the West has had a virtual stranglehold on the basketball universe up until last year, with Shaq back in the sunshine state, the balance of power atop the conferences appear to be equal. From almost top to bottom the West appears to be deep, making the playoffs a possibility for at least 12 to 13 teams. Here's a look at my projected top ten teams from the Western Conference.

1. San Antonio- At the head of the pack is San Antonio. The Spurs were one lucky shot by Derek Fisher away from probably playing for the title last year. This year they return with their core of Duncan, Parker and Manu Ginobili still intact, and were able to address their largest deficiency by adding the 3-point threat of Brent Barry to their arsenal.

2. Minnesota- The biggest threat to San Antonio will probably be Minnesota. The Timberwolves completed last season with the best record in the West, but the untimely injury to the veteran offensive spark-plug Sam Cassell in the playoffs, sent them packing for home earlier than expected. With the same team returning this year look for KG to finally elevate this team to at least the next plateau, the Conference championship.

3. Denver- Perhaps the next offensive juggernaut will be in the "Mile High" city. Denver returns one of the most surprising teams of last year, and with the addition of Kenyon Martin and the maturation of Carmelo Anthony, the Nuggets boast one of the most athletically gifted

Jessica Walton
Women's Cross-Country
Year: Senior (4th yr.)
Hometown: Williamsburg, VA

Why do you run cross-country?

-It was my junior year in high school and I wasn't playing a fall sport and the coach wanted me to come to practice. I went to practice and had so much fun. Everybody was out there doing the same thing. Everybody was tired and sore, but we were all doing it together.

Recall your best moment running here.

-Last year at the Division II-III State Championships in Harrisonburg, we won as a team and I won the women's title.

What do you like most about Longwood?

-I love my team. I like the fact that Longwood is a small school.

What goals do you have?

frontcourts in the league.

4. Sacramento- The Kings biggest obstacle this year may be themselves. With the locker room in turmoil, what was once the Kings best intangible (team chemistry), now appears to be a weakness. If the Kings are able to patch things up internally and refrain from having any injuries to key players, then they might be able to put their most talented team ever on the court this year.

5. Dallas- No Steve Nash definitely hurts, but if the newly acquired Erick Dampier stays healthy then the Mavericks can actually claim to have a legitimate center. And don't forget the solid young talent Dallas has accumulated the past couple of years in Marquis Daniels, Josh Howard and Devin Harris.

6. Houston- Houston is the other team out West that underwent major cosmetic surgery this off-season by trading Steve Francis to Orlando for Tracy McGrady. McGrady has been the best offensive player in the league the past two seasons, all without a second option. Enter

-My main goal in life is to do something I enjoy. I want to get into graduate school for speech-language pathology.

What makes you unique?

-I swam with sharks during spring break last year in the Florida Keys. My biggest fear in the whole wide world are sharks and I moved closer to one and I took a picture of it.

Who is your favorite athlete and why?

-Steve Prefontaine. He was a distance runner for the University of Oregon in the '70s. He had the record for 19 and under in the 5000 meters for cross country. He ran his hardest and gave everything he had in every single race, which is something I admire.



Mark Anderson
Men's Cross-Country
Year: Freshman (1st yr.)
Hometown: Chesapeake, VA

Why do you run cross-country?

-The camaraderie. The guys are really close-knit and easy to get along with and friends outside of running.

Recall your best moment running here.

-We won the Greensboro Invitational. It was the first invitational the guys had won. It's really neat to get the program's first win, so we can focus on winning more meets.

What goals do you have?

-I want to make some more life-long friends and become a better well-rounded person when I leave here and hopefully win some more championships.

What makes you unique?

-I love soccer, writing, and working with little kids. Soccer can be a form of art when you move the ball, control the ball, and gain

possession from the other team. I like to write so I can express myself. If you are upset or ecstatic, you can always tell the paper or computer how you feel. I like teaching kids. I was a boy scout and I liked teaching kids how to tie knots and see them using that knowledge on a camping trip.

Who is your favorite athlete and why?

-Lance Armstrong because he's overcome cancer and he's won six Tour de France titles in a row. Despite allegations of doping and performance enhancers, he keeps on raising the bar every time he goes out there. He has a target on his back.

**Athlete Profiles by
Kyle Martin**



showing how vastly underrated he is and adding Carlos Boozer and Mehmet Okur into the mix look for another solid team in Salt Lake.

10. Memphis- After playing so

well last year the Grizzlies won't be sneaking up on anybody this year. But with tenacious defense and incredible depth Memphis can prove to be a major player this season.



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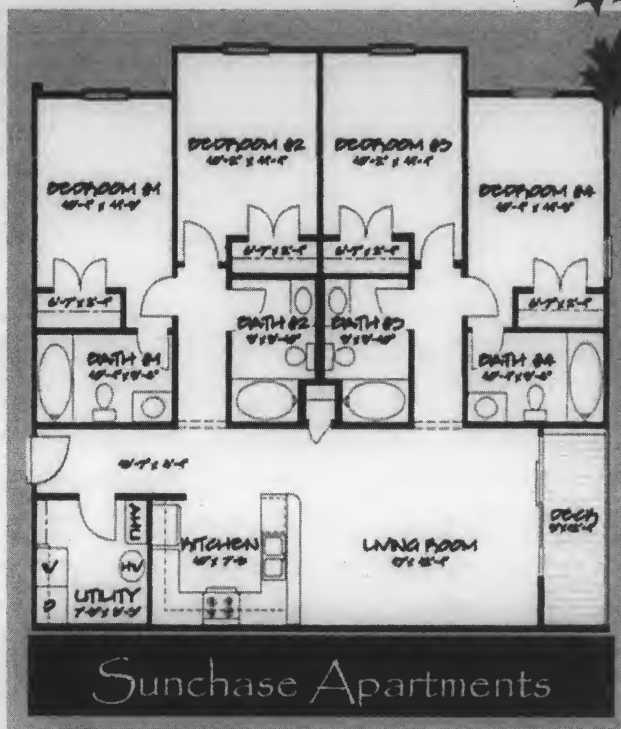
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Bush Re-elected to Second Term

Kerry concedes early; Bush says he will need to "earn trust" of Kerry supporters

Shawn Garrett
News Editor

President Bush won his bid for reelection yesterday morning after challenger John F. Kerry conceded the election in a telephone call at 11 a.m. A few hours later in Boston's Faneuil Hall, Kerry gave a televised, public concession to his supporters and the nation.

About an hour later, Bush gave a victory speech from the Ronald Reagan Building in Washington. As of press time, Bush had won 51% of the vote with 58,884,611 votes to Kerry's 55,329,147, or 48% (with the final 1% divided among other candidates).

In the all-important electoral college tally, Bush garnered a projected 274 at press time to Kerry's 252. To win, 270 of a possible 538 are needed.

The day's events ended a very long, sometimes contentious and often uncertain night of vote counting and electoral math, hinging for both candidates on

the outcome of Ohio's final vote tally, which, due to the ten-day period under Ohio law that the state can take to tabulate all votes, may not be known until next week.

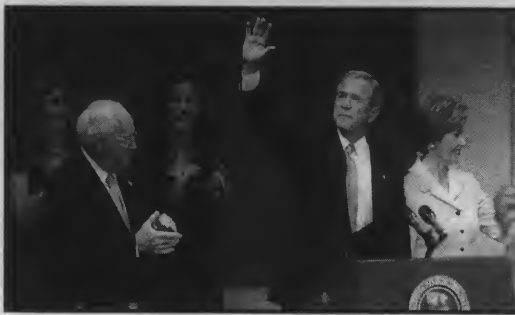
Those in the Kerry camp, and indeed most of the network pundits covering the minute-by-minute precinct reports, originally suggested there might be enough "provisional ballots"—ballots

cast by voters not on the official registration rolls—to win in Ohio. In the end however, it was decided that the estimated 150,000 provisional votes would not hold enough in favor of Kerry to surpass Bush's margin of roughly

136,000.

"We wanted to wait and see and be as careful as we could about what the reality on the ground was," Kerry strategist Joe

An upbeat and optimistic John Edwards spoke first for the Democrats, vowing to "fight for every vote" even though the race had effectively ended.



A triumphant President Bush waves to supporters after his victory speech inside the Ronald Reagan Building in Washington, D.C.

Photo by Reuters

Lockhart said, according to The Washington Post.

"When we had a chance to do that, I think we made the judgment that the time was right for John Kerry to call the president and concede."

out (60% of registered voters, the highest since 1968) and promised that "This fight will continue in our homes and in our union halls, in our churches, and in our schools, in our offices and over the Internet. We will keep march-

ing toward that one America and we're not going to stop until we get there."

Kerry, looking haggard and sounding hoarse, standing at times somewhat shakily before a bust of Massachusetts native and founding father John Adams, thanked his many supporters, joking "I'm sorry that we got here a little bit late and little bit short."

Seemingly holding back tears, Kerry described his admiration for his supporters. "I wish that I could just wrap you up in my arms and embrace each and every one of you individually all across this nation," Kerry said. "I thank you from the bottom of my heart."

Campaign staff for the President had already planned a victory announcement for Wednesday afternoon, but Kerry's surprising concession brought a quick end to the overnight and early morning debates, and abolished any possibility the election would become a repeat of the

Miller Resigns As SGA Treasurer

Felt responsibilities left no time to enact necessary reforms

Shawn Garrett
News Editor

Student Government Association (SGA) Treasurer Jon Miller unexpectedly announced his resignation from office this week, disclosing candidly that the high volume of day-to-day responsibilities kept him from his primary aim, drafting and introducing new SGA finance reform bills.

Miller, a senior who has repeatedly found himself the center of attention concerning recent allegations of misappropriation, said he has found it too difficult to devote himself fulltime to the duties of treasurer and spur the kind of legislation he feels should be enacted in order to revamp the SGA's aging financial by-laws.

Miller said the resignation

would take effect immediately and that SGA President Alicia Moody would begin soon the process to appoint a new treasurer to replace him.

As word got around that Miller had decided to give up his post earlier this week, it was it was assumed that he was succumbing to pressure from the constant rumors of financial scandals swirling around the SGA. While Miller allowed that "a lot of factors" played into his surprising decision he asserted that he did not feel pressured to resign.

"I didn't quit because of mistakes," said Miller.

Miller explained that dealing with the daily duties required of the student body's treasurer "you don't have time to write bills and get them through." When asked

if the resignation was affected by any kind of bad blood within the SGA or finance committee, Miller said no. "I have a very good relationship with everyone," said Miller.

Many asked Miller to reconsider his decision and assured him that nothing that had gone wrong was wholly his fault. While he accepts this, Miller noted that he takes at least some of the responsibility for all the financial dealings within SGA. He has refused a position in the Senate.

Through an email SGA President Alicia Moody commented that she "and the SGA support Jon's decision in his resignation."

"He has served the SGA to the

Patrick Trate
Copy Editor

As the 2004 general election approached, polls were showing the country closely divided between the two candidates and experts were predicting an extremely high turnout.

November 2nd indeed saw the highest voter turnout since 1968. After an extremely close electoral race, Democratic candidate John Kerry conceded the battleground state of Ohio, and thus the election, to Republican incumbent George Bush.

As with the rest of the nation, reaction here on campus is mixed. Some students are glad with the result. "I'm ecstatic," said junior Bobbi Thibo. "Not only because Bush won, but because we [Republicans] now have control of the House and the Senate."

Longwood Reacts to Election Results

As Dr. William Harbour, Chair of the History, Political Science, and Philosophy Department here at Longwood explained, the Republican Party did many things right in this campaign.

"After the 2000 election, Karl Rove, Bush's head campaign strategist, evaluated what happened to make the election so close. He came to the clear conclusion that there were large numbers among demographics of people that traditionally voted Republican who didn't show up."

Dr. Harbour gave Evangelical Christians as a prime example. "Rowe realized that the Republicans had to do something. This election they've worked hard on establishing grassroots organizations to raise money, find volunteers, identify potential voters and

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Words from the Editor: Too Much of an English Major



Sunday night, my friends and I went to Dr. Jordan's ghost stories, which is the best event this school has.

From there, I felt my morbid fascination with Leola Wheeler the way I did my freshman year.

At eighteen, I was alone and bored, so I looked up old issues of *The Rotunda* in the library. And Leola Wheeler just seemed like the type of woman I would really like.

With that in mind, Stephanie, Tanner, Shawn, Jessica, Scott, and I eventually wound up at the graveyard in town where several Longwood people are buried.

We had been wandering around for awhile, not really finding much of anything.

Eventually, Shawn says, "This is a Southern novel. It's unseasonably warm and the graveyard is even warmer. We are in search of prominent figures from a school

just down the road. What is the symbolism behind that?" Before I can answer, he adds, "Death is a paradox. What is it saying to us?"

I offer, "Death is usually considered cold. Because it is warm, we are being invited. The people here have something to tell us; we have something we need to learn."

Could we be bigger nerds? I mean, honestly. Perhaps, sometimes, there is such a thing as being too much of an English major.

But we're not finding what we need. I feel like I'm in a Faulkner novel. There are so many common names that I recognize, yet I can't put the pieces together. The symbolism is muddled and confusing. The situation is too complex for me to trip over a stone and it be the one I'm looking for.

I want so badly to be able to thank Jarman, Stevens, and Wheeler for the gifts they've given us and the opportunities

they've afforded. At one point, we spot a Wheeler grave, though it turns out to be a tease. The wife of some other man.

"Dammit, dammit, dammit," I yell, my heart racing.

Like with a Faulkner novel, I'm feeling like a failure; I just can't make this work, no matter how badly I want it. On the way out, we find the grave of Thackston.

"Of everything we came here for," I yell (I apparently didn't get the memo about being quiet in a graveyard after hours on Halloween) "we find the grave of the most crazy ass man that I don't give two shits about."

Discouraged, we leave.

I can't get Wheeler out of my head, though. Lines from the Indigo Girls' "Virginia Woolf" run through my mind: "And here's a young girl on a kind of telephone line through time / And a voice at the other end comes like a long lost friend / So I know I'm alright life will come and life will go."

I can't describe the inherent connection I feel about so many aspects of Longwood that I have never felt in other places. The soul of this school is so strong in my heart, and I can't shake it (even though, really, I don't want to). But I can't understand it either

(which is what I want). I mean, what do I know about Leola Wheeler? Next to nothing. I feel like I should or that I do already.

I think about the legend of the red thread that Lucy Kaplansky uses in her latest album. That maybe the same red thread runs through the women of Longwood.

The rest? The rest will come later.

Amy Whipple

Amy Whipple
Editor-in-Chief

Letter to the Editor: D-Hall is Great!

This letter is in response to Tanner Keith's October 28th Activist column, "A Guide To Food in Farmville".

I began reading your column with great interest, as would anyone who lives in Farmville and has a wish-list of favorite establishments they'd like to see here. Arby's and Applebee's were near the top of people's lists for years, and what do you know, we finally got them.

I agree with you that a Japanese steakhouse would be nice. I'll add to that list a grocery store with a fully-stocked produce section so I don't have to drive to multiple stores to find cilantro...but I digress.

Claiming you're "obviously an expert" on food because you "eat it everyday" makes one wonder if you are also an expert on the chemical makeup of air since you breathe that every day, or perhaps an expert on road construction since you either drive or cross one every day.

I'm no expert, but having eaten at our Dining Hall over the past 14 years (four as an undergrad, 10 as a staff member), I would like to think that I have a pretty good handle on the quality of the food and of the service that ARAMARK provides to the Longwood community.

I suppose that my experience working in a family-owned restaurant most of my life provides me with additional insight into the business.

So although much of your column warrants debate (did you not know about, or simply ignore, the 17+ restaurants in Farmville you

didn't mention?), the category I'd most like to comment on is your thoughtful appraisal of the Dining Hall.

Apparently, the most creative word you could come up with to describe the Dining Hall is "sucks". That doesn't really open things up for a mature discussion, but let's try anyway.

1. "The food sucks." It makes me laugh when people complain so much about the meals here. On any given day we have numerous options for a variety of good food.

A typical lunch includes: freshly-prepared in front of you Pan-Geo bowls, soup and salad from the bar stocked with everything from fruit salad to hummus. The D-Hall also has the pasta bar and pizza. Good For You serves vegetarians, vegans, and anyone else who wants healthier options. Fast-food lovers have burgers, hot dogs, and fries available. Plus, there are wraps, grilled Paninis made to order, cold sandwiches, specialty sandwiches, and of course, the main line with your standard, home-style servings. Top all of this off with desserts including cookies, cakes, pies, ice cream, and Belgian waffles.

I'm sorry, but if anyone can name a place with a better selection of quality food for under \$5, I'd like to know about it.

2. "The lines suck." When thousands of students are served each day, it is inevitable that there are going to be some lines.

However, there are several-hour windows available to get your meals. If your class schedule doesn't allow you to beat (or miss) the

rush by 10 minutes, then yes, you might have to spend some time in lines chatting with friends or thinking about that project that is due.

3. "I'd like some service." This is a new one to me. Honestly, not a day goes by where either a student worker or an ARAMARK employee doesn't say hello, or ask how my day is going. There have been times I've asked for additional items or help, a new bottle of hot sauce, or if anymore chocolate cake was coming out. They may or may not have always been able to find something, but at least they tried.

Oh, and if you haven't done it lately, try saying "May I", "Please", and "Thank you" when interacting with the good folks serving your meal. There is a reason we learned manners in kindergarten.

I'm not saying that the Dining Hall does not make mistakes, or that there is no room for improvement; no establishment is perfect.

But, after working in the restaurant business, and having served several Midnight Breakfast events to Longwood students over the years, I can say this: It's not easy preparing and serving meals for thousands of customers every day; you should try it sometime.

ARAMARK is doing a commendable job and deserves our thanks and constructive criticism, not the juvenile discourse of the Opinion Editor.

Regards,
Greg Tsigaridas
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Worst Cases of Bush or Kerry

Dan Steele
Staff Writer

Many people fear a worst-case scenario if Sen. Kerry wins Tuesday's election, but considering the current administration's track record, there are just as many patriotic, red-blooded Americans considering the same situations under a second term for President Bush.

What could happen if this incumbent wins the election? For starters, there are these bountiful tax cuts that "stimulated" the economy. Yes, I am aware that the President does not have absolute, direct control over economic matters, but this country is already starting down the barrel of a roughly 500 billion dollar deficit, our largest ever, and with the War on Terror and our full-blown military cam-

paigns in Afghanistan and Iraq, we can barely afford government spending now.

What good could it do this country to spend more money we don't have? Sure, there would be that check in the mail, with that extra \$300 or so tacked on, but sooner or later we're going to have to pay for our troops being there; where do you think the money for their salaries and equipment comes from? Donations?

Economic matters aside, let's talk about the War on Terror. Bush claims because he's been proven to be tough on terrorism, the country will be safer with his finger on the button, rather than Kerry's. Let's consider a possibility here: our chief executive is one of the most hated men in the world; now, I'm not saying we should vote how the rest of the world tells us to, because that is both weak and completely idiotic, but what about his

liability? He's a much bigger target than he was after the "official" fighting stopped in Afghanistan, and he sure hasn't won any popularity contests outside this country recently, not even among allied countries in the Iraqi War.

We could very well be attacked simply because Bush won a second term. Terrorists fear him, yes, but so do free nations who have no part in terrorist activities. Bush's re-election could mean an open invitation to terrorist nut-bags out there, looking to gain support by taking down a man, who is not only frightening through his super-aggressive policies, but is also the leader of the Free World, the symbol of everything right these terrorist bastards believe in.

Can we afford a possible nuclear 9/11, simply because the President wants to go in guns blazing and ask questions after the bodies have hit the floor?

Vs.

Bobbi Thibo
Assistant Editor

My fears are that if he is elected, John Kerry will play God. Currently, private institutions fund most embryonic stem-cell research, but Kerry wants this type of research to be funded by the government.

If embryonic stem-cell research is given more provisions from the government, more of this type of research would be possible, and even more embryos will be produced for the sole purpose of mutilation. He wants to make it even easier for people to create life for the intended purpose of destroying it.

Allowing these researchers to get the money from the government implies that our country thinks so little of human life that they endorse the destruction of potential human life. I don't want to be part of a country that has so

little regard for the human race.

Speaking of, Kerry as president would attempt to make partial-birth abortion legal in all 50 states. Currently, abortion laws allow for abortion within the first trimester of pregnancy. The democratic argument for abortion is that the "child" is nothing but a cell in the first 3 months of life; therefore it is not murder.

Ok, fine, but why then is Kerry advocating partial-birth abortion as part of his platform? Legalizing partial-birth abortion, which allows abortion up to the fifth and sixth months of pregnancy, is defiantly above and beyond the 3 month limit. Democrats define embryos as life starting at 3 months, then Kerry must be okay with murder.

If Kerry is elected, my other main concern is about his "lets-not-finish-what-we-start" side.

Kerry is so quick to say that he would pull troops out of Iraq and stop sending more troops without the backing of UN, who have

made it very clear that they won't help otherwise. Some Americans are quick to cheer, but do we remember 9/11?

Shortly after the attacks President Bush stated, "you are either with us or you are against us," pertaining to the war on terror, and the American people cheered him on. Now, parts of society are ridiculing President Bush for exactly what they first encouraged.

Kerry as president will just label America as he has labeled himself through his indecisiveness and contradictory opinions; as incompetent and unable to finish what is started. Instead of looking out for America long-term and solving the problem once and for all, he'd rather jeopardize the country and receive instant gratification.

John Kerry as president would represent us as an America whose citizens think they are God and a nation who is so incompetent that they can't make up their minds or finish what they start.

props and drops

The Rotunda would like to encourage anyone and everyone to submit props and drops to rotunda@longwood.edu

Props:

- + To election night parties.
- + To the awesome comfortable chairs in the 24 hour study lounge in the library.
- + To Montana being the tenth state to approve use of medicinal marijuana.
- + To key lime tarts.

Drops:

- To everything that's wrong with the election process our our country.
- To the sun setting at 5 PM.
- To the new science building looking like a giant Ikea kit.
- To not understanding "juvenile" humor.

Speak Out

What does the faculty think the next four years will be like after the recent election?



I'm looking for a silver lining, I'll let you know when I find it.
-Dr. Taylor
Assistant Professor of English

I believe that Bush will be more cooperative with foreign policy and more dismissive on domestic issues.

- Dr. Cole
Assistant Professor of Political Science



The Bush Administration has been unfriendly to the environment, and unsympathetic to those without health insurance, and I believe they will continue to be as such.

- Dr. Riley
Professor of Education



Dreadful. Absolutely Dreadful.
-Dr. Kelley
Associate Professor of Sociology and Criminal Justice



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protracted 2000 contest between then Governor Bush and former Vice President Al Gore.

Similar to Kerry's concession, Bush's acceptance was preceded by Vice President Dick Cheney. Unlike Kerry, the well rested, satisfied, very gracious Mr. Bush was joined on stage by his family.

"We had a long night," began Bush, "and a great night." Like Edwards, he acknowledged, "voters turned out in record numbers" and said that they "delivered an historic victory."

Bush touched on some of the challenges that face him in his second term, from stabilizing Iraq to waging the fight against terrorism to reforming the tax code and the Social Security system. "Reaching these goals will require the broad support of Americans," he said.

The overarching message of the day was unity, with both Kerry and Bush calling for an effort to bind the nations wounds after a year of particularly virulent and hard-hitting campaigns.

Kerry described his phone conversation with the President, saying he discussed "the danger of division in our country and the need-the desperate need for unity, for finding the common ground, coming together."

"Today I hope that we can begin the healing," Kerry added.

Bush called out to Kerry supporters on the theme of unity, saying that he needs their support in the years to come.

"Today I want to speak to every person who voted for my opponent," said Bush. "To make this nation stronger and better, I will need your support and I will work to earn it. I will do all I can do to deserve your trust."

"We have one country, one Constitution, and one future that binds us," he added.

According to CNN exit polls, more women voted than men in the election at 54% to 46%, but that Kerry's lead with women was slight at only 51%. A significant number of democrats also reported having voted for Bush. 11% of those Democrats asked said they voted for Bush while only 6% of Republicans voted for Kerry.

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best of his abilities, and he will continue to do so even though he has chosen to leave his position," Moody continued.

"Jon has always been a strong leader and he will be missed as a member of the SGA."

Miller has been treasurer since Spring 2004. Although no official decision has been made, speculation inside SGA points to executive senator Andy Peterson as the likely frontrunner for the position. Although Miller did not know who would replace him and declined to speculate, he admitted that Peterson would be a worthy candidate.

"He is the one who goes to the accounting office when I can't," Miller said of Peterson, adding that he is familiar with the process and would make a "great treasurer."

Scandals and animosity surrounding the SGA's financial practices in recent weeks have hurt the process and added to the largely held-though unfounded-belief among stu-

dents that the SGA's financial practices are arbitrary and malicious. Problems have ranged from the very public \$9,500 S.E.A.L. budget shortfall to lesser known instances of miscommunication between the SGA and student groups.

One such instance involving the Black Student Association is typical of the miscommunication problems.

In an interview with *The Rotunda* Miller said that, in addition to the finance reforms he envisions, he would like to see the SGA as a whole take on a more "Jesus-esque" approach to governance. He explained that Jesus, the main historical and religious personage in Christianity, "brought about change without seeking power."

Miller feels that implementing altruistic methods similar to those of Jesus would be beneficial, creating a more service-oriented SGA that would strive more ardently to help everyone.

Election 2004: A Nationwide Breakdown**Same sex marriage bans pass, Goode trounces Weed in Va. 5th**

Compiled From Staff Reports

Red vs. Blue:

Unsurprisingly, Bush swept the Mid-Atlantic, South, Southwest, and Midwest. He won his home state of **Texas** by 23%, but only won **Virginia**, where Kerry had a small lead early Tuesday night and which had the possibility of becoming an important swing state during the campaign, by 9%. Bush also took **Florida**, cite of the 2000 recount debacle, by 5 percentage points.

Kerry also swept the Northeast and the West coast, winning his home state of **Massachusetts** by 24% and **California**, with its 55 electoral votes, by a margin of 11%. He also won **Hawaii**.

The Swing States:

Ten states qualified as "swing" or battleground states where the election was projected to be very close. Of them, Bush won **Florida**, **Wisconsin**, **Nevada** and **New Mexico**, and Kerry took **Pennsylvania**, **New Hampshire**, **Minnesota** and **Michigan**.

Bush also took **Ohio**, one of the last holdouts of the election, and the state many feared would become this year's **Florida**. As of press time the last of the Iowa votes had yet to be counted and that state remained in the undecided category.

Same Sex Marriage:

Ohio, **Michigan** and nine other states approved constitutional amendments that would ban same-sex marriages, limiting the ability of those states to grant benefits afforded heterosexual couples.

The constitutional bans, defining marriage as a union of a man and a woman, passed in all 11 states where they were on the ballot, state elections results show. The percentage of voters supporting the amendment ranged from 86 percent in **Mississippi** to 62 percent in **Ohio**.

Congress:

Republicans continue to control congress, emerging with bigger majorities in the Senate and House of

Representatives after winning close Senate races in **Florida** and **Alaska**, and elsewhere.

In one of the closest contests, Senate Minority Leader Thomas A. Daschle (D), of **South Dakota** lost his seat to Republican John Thune, a former House member, after a hard-fought campaign in which the two candidates spent at least \$26 million. It was the first election defeat for a Senate leader of either party in more than 50 years, and it helped increase the GOP majority in the Senate, where Republicans added a total of four seats.

The Virginia 5th:

Republican Incumbent Virgil Goode won his fifth term to the United States House of Representatives from Virginia's fifth district last night by nearly 28 percent.

The fifth district begins in Greene County and extends south to the North Carolina border, including Danville, Martinsburg and Farmville.

Voter turnout in the 5th district rose by more than 100,000 votes this election cycle.

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make sure they turn out."

Other students were upset at the Democratic defeat. "I wish Kerry had won," said junior Lynn Attermeyer. "It was a very close election. I wish more young people had voted." While senior Matt Spalding explained, "I am very

concerned about our foreign policy. I hope President Bush wakes up and realizes that we need to work with other countries on issues. Otherwise, it will get worse with the countries that hate us already because of him and it will be a rough four years for America."

Kathleen Costello, a 2001

Longwood alum who spent her summer and fall working on the Kerry campaign in Cleveland, Ohio, watched the concession speech with tears in her eyes on Wednesday. "It shocked me," she said. "But it shows how much votes count when it comes down to one county like it has in Cuyahoga."



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Anne and the staff at Charleys wish you the best of luck on upcoming projects for the rest of the semester! Watch out for the best in

entertainment at Charleys, including Matt and the guys of Moxley Rose with their rock and blues jams on November 5th and the surfer rock sounds of Ohms Law on November 12th. Every Wednesday Charleys brings you Italian Buffet with the rocking acoustic jams of Tray Eppes. Keep in mind that there is a student discount with your ID for Italian Buffet. Remember that Charleys always offers its famous Brunch from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm every Sunday. Also remember that Charleys is taking

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reservations for Christmas parties, featuring Anne's homemade desserts made especially for you! Look for all of this and more at Charleys, celebrating ten years of serving the Farmville community!

Va. DUI Law Change Catches Some Off-Guard

Sarah-Tyler Moore
Staff Writer

As of July 1 this year, Driving Under the Influence (DUI) laws in Virginia received a facelift.

Under the new ordinances, persons operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol level of .15 are to serve five days of mandatory jail time, if the driver's blood alcohol level is .20 or higher, ten days in jail are mandated.

For repeat offenders with three or more DUI offenses on their record, they are to spend six months in jail without bail, and the government reserves the right to seize their vehicle.

The most applicable change in DUI regulations for students is the seven-day automatic administrative license suspension, for those under the age of 21 operating a vehicle with a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) of .02.

No doubt, backlash from this law will be felt on campuses nationwide. But how do students really feel about the DUI amendment? "[I]f the [BAC] level w[as] more than .02 people would take advantage of it.

It needs to be something we're conscious of, especially underage people," said freshman, Melanie Trostle.

Aside from the numerical value our state government deems appropriate, the law (as previously mentioned) mandates a seven-day suspension of a person's driver's license.

Is this reasonable? Sophomore Stephanie Parrish said, "If [underage persons are] driving while under the influence they need a harsher punishment."

Perhaps the punishment is so stringent because of the very deviant and dangerous nature of the deviance of DUIs, especially of those

underage.

"[A]nybody is putting their own life at risk and others at risk if they are driving drunk,

Times said, "To some observers, no doubt, some of the new...sentences will seem too long. However, after a

Parrish said, "[Those pulled over] need to fess up to what they're doing. I don't think they should have the right to refuse. I wouldn't refuse just because it wouldn't prove to them that I hadn't been drinking, it's not that much of an inconvenience."

Maybe refusing a BAC test is more than a matter of convenience.

Trostle said, "You do have a right to refuse [a breathalyzer]," however, "but you shouldn't have anything to hide if you haven't been drinking...it kind of raises a question when you refuse it. Why would you refuse it if you haven't been drinking?"

No matter a person's stance on treatment of underage DUI violators, repeat offenders, or the right to refuse a blood alcohol level test, driving under the influence is indisputably dangerous.

Lynch said of the new laws, "Virginia's roads will be among the safest in the country." Whether revamping Virginia DUI laws will truly make getting behind the wheel significantly safer, only time can determine.



A student performs a sobriety test in front of a police officer.

those underage especially because they need to take responsibility for their actions, they shouldn't be drinking anyway," said Trostle.

In agreement, Ed Lynch, columnist for The Roanoke

Also as of July 1, repeat offenders are now denied the right to refuse a breathalyzer or other blood alcohol level test. Should anyone stopped, repeat offender or not, have a right to refuse such a test?

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Karaoke
9:30 p.m.
Lancer Cafe

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434.395.2206 to register

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Lankford Ballroom

Sunday the 7th

Band: Shindig
10 p.m.
Java Hut

Monday the 8th

Men's Soccer
7 p.m.
Lancer Field

Wednesday the 10th

Catholic Campus
Community
8:30 p.m.
Nottoway Room

Alternative Spring Break
7 p.m.
Greenwood Library 147B

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Tuesday the 9th

Protecting Your Computer
7 p.m.
Hiner 207

ISH Meeting
8 p.m.
Lankford "A" Room

Space Filler

BY: SARAH BARKDULL



Tongue in Cheek

By: Ellie Woodruff



As the holidays approach, mail volumes get higher, it takes longer for packages to get through the system. The recommended deadlines for sending mail from the United States to all overseas military mailing addressees for the holidays are listed below:

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The World Has Turned and Left Me Here

Mandy Amason
Staff Writer

Dear Mandy,

I have a confession to make. I love reading the answers you give your readers in *The Rotunda*. I can't wait for the next issue! Your advice, along with your wit, charm, and personal feedback is remarkable! I really respect the fact that you tell it like it is, or tell it as you see it! I admire that in a person. If you wouldn't mind, I would like to share a few comments and touch on some issues with you. Maybe you can even answer some of the questions I have.

I know Longwood University has gone "high tech." I am surprised that students don't have to hit a computer key to flush the toilets! Or do they? I get really angry to hear that students have gone to academic advisors for help, only to be told to go back to the dorm, look online, and figure it out themselves! Why have academic advisors at all?

I would really like to know who is sleeping on the job when it came to housing students this year. I don't understand how this mishap happened?

Longwood had to have known how many freshman, returning students, and transfers that were coming. I sure didn't take a genius to add the deposit money that was demanded to be in on a certain date to assure student housing!

Now I know why so many students have made comments that they will not be next semester or ever.

It also hurts the University when it comes to recruiting new students and maintaining their #37 position as one of "America's Best Colleges," as stated in the 2005 U.S. News and World Report. Goodbye #37, hello #500!

Your advice to the transfer student about fitting in at Longwood was AWESOME! I know that student, appreciated your words of wisdom, experience, and encouragement. I am sure others feeling the same will benefit also.

Yes, I love freedom of speech just as much as you do Mandy! It sure does soothe the soul. Keep up the good work and don't hold back. I never have and never will. Oh, and as always, keep your source of information as confidential as possible.

No, I am not a student; I'm a parent who has always protected the rights of my child and other people regardless of the situation. You go Mandy!

Signed,

Parent who has been there, done that, and still getting it done!

Dear Parent,

Holy crap, you rock! But I see that you are going to make me open my big mouth about some things AGAIN! Well, first let me thank you, your letter is what it's all about. Venting and hopefully, relating to someone.

When I was younger, until the age of 18, I had always wanted to be a doctor. Then I realized that I can save more lives by writing. I love what I do for *The Rotunda*, and I love the people that pull it all together. Thank you so much for the input, though there are some things that I too wish to comment upon.

Longwood really did screw up. The housing does suck. But that's common at any school you go to. I really do feel badly for the students that don't even have a room. That sucks and they should be refunded their money.

The advisor situation can suck too but, you know what, I honestly don't know of any other school that has such great professors as we do. Not only do they advise, but they teach. They are great at it, and they really make you feel like you are wanted here.

How the hell Longwood got #37, I have no clue but I push for

a recount. Longwood is by far one of the crappiest schools when it comes to student life and offerings. Farm Vegas, as wonderful as it is, is not much. The failed attempts of the school to do more for its students have turned into a disaster.

We all need to hear the truth sometimes and if you don't like it, don't read it. That's your right. I just write it. Some don't like my opinion and that's fine, understandable, but fine.

This is me.

I carry the cross so some of you don't have to. I have always fought the good fight for the right thing and the right reasons. That comes with maturity and appreciation of life.

Yeah, you can talk all kinds of crap about me, but ask me if I care. Nope. In the end, when it comes down to it, I fought the good fight and walked away a better person. I think it's time some of us re-evaluate life and what it's worth.

I have to have faith that there are people in this world that are good. Not only do I have faith in it, but I experience them everyday.

Longwood is not at that level that is diverse and accepting, and I honestly don't think it will ever be.

But I will be wrong if I didn't affect this place the best I can when I can. You should do the same.

Until next time, boys and girls,
Mandy Amason

If you would like to write to Mandy for some advice, please email the Rotunda at rotunda@longwood.com and in the subject as **ADVICE COLUMN QUESTION**. Thanks!

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The commitment we made to be there always? Or the faith we have in each other?
Do you see lucky people who found happiness in one another?
Or do you just see two dykes?

F.S. Mitchener

Review: The Skin of Our Teeth

Sarah Barkdull
Asst. Style Editor

Last week the drama department put on an astounding play, "The Skin of Our Teeth," written by Thornton Wilder.

The Longwood cast modified the play slightly to fit the current political issues facing the public today.

The three acts, "the Ice Age," "the Flood," and "World War III," were separated by short intermissions of moving minor pieces of the set around, though most of the props were stationary in the background.

Center stage sat Leon Trotsky, reading a copy of the book 1984, by George Orwell.

He was a representation of where mankind is right now and the rebellious aspects of the human nature.

"Trapped" inside a trans-

parent box stage-left were a representation of Adam and Eve; innocent and non-interacting with the other members of the play.

The "box" containing Adam and Eve represented the flawlessness and innocence human beings once had.

The main characters of the play, the Antrobus family were meant to symbolize the current state of human kind.

Through each act, the family is faced with difficult obstacles and find themselves in immense predicaments; they always seem to get out of the problem by "the skin of their teeth."

At different parts of the play, select characters came "out of character" and started to explain things or made comments to the audience.

Aubrie Therrien (Sabina) was the most frequent to address the audience in this informal way, however, near the end of the performance, more of the cast broke character and made the play casual but no less solemn.

This was to create the effect of a dress rehearsal, as well as the audience seating on the stage as opposed to setting in the normal auditorium space.

Although the play may have seemed to be confusing and offensive to some, others thought the play was very well put together and displayed great symbolism.

By Matt Ruedinger

COLLEGE 101



Number of Identity Theft Cases Growing

Michelle Kessel
U-Wire

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON - Kari Hirsh, a junior at the George Washington University from Great Neck, N.Y., said she has learned to always rip up her shopping receipts.

Recently, Hirsh received a phone call from her bank about charges on a credit card totaling nearly \$800.

But Hirsh said she did not make these charges, nor was her actual credit card stolen. "I really have no idea what happened," she said. "I just got a call from a bank one day and found out that someone stole my identity and used it to apply for a credit card and then charged things under my name."

Hirsh wrote a letter to the credit card fraud department and was not held accountable for the purchases made using

her name. "I've heard about these things but I never thought it could actually happen to me," she said.

Identity theft, according to the Office of Inspector General, occurs when someone uses someone else's personal identifying information without any knowledge or permission.

The information can be used to obtain credit cards, wireless phones and services, loans and mortgages, jobs and to commit fraudulent and criminal acts leaving the naive victim responsible.

Analysts say the growth of the Internet and digital finance, expanding consumer credit worldwide, varying law enforcement on the local and federal levels and the changing regulations governing the credit industry are factors which have helped identity theft

become an easier crime to commit.

In 1998, Congress made identity theft a federal crime prompting the Federal Trade Commission to setup a victim assistance center one year later.

According to a recent survey by the Federal Trade Commission, more than 10 million Americans, including 500,000 young adults, were victims of identity theft compared to a half a million in 2002. Experts said they think the increase in the amount of identity theft victims to continue.

From 2002 to 2003, crime rates for identity theft and fraud targeting college students increased more than 80 percent than that of the general population.

Nearly 90 percent of identity theft and fraud cases at universities occur unbeknownst to the victim for several months or

years in some cases.

College students are easy targets for identity theft according to the Identity Theft Resource Center, a non-profit group which helps victims, consumers, legislators, the media and law enforcement officials understand the crime and communicate about it.

The ITRC said students may not monitor their credit card bills closely to verify expenses and purchases, which can allow the criminals to go undetected for a long time. In addition to credit card bills, college students are concerned about thieves getting a hold of social security numbers.

Many use their social security numbers on their drivers' licenses. Almost half of all college students have had grades posted by social security numbers, according to the Office of Inspector General. "Within the university, identity theft prevention is at best a 'porous' filter based entirely on chance and good will," said the ITRC's Web site. "Far too many persons, including other students, have access to personal data file, therefore continuously tempting nefarious persons to execute an identity theft on an unsuspecting student."

Many colleges and universities use students' social security numbers as identification numbers because it is easier and less costly than giving people randomly generated numbers. "It's a lot easier to match all of the different parts of an application file to a number rather than a name, especially more generic ones," said Victoria Millet, a freshman admissions counselor at University of Houston. "We don't force people to supply their social security numbers, but it makes the matching process easier for everybody."

Millet said that while most students provide their social security numbers willingly, others are more hesitant in fear of identity theft.

While University of Houston has never had a problem with identity theft, Millet said they

shred all papers as a precautionary to thwart possible thefts.

Michael Oster, a high school senior in Brookline, Mass., said he is concerned about identity theft, especially now that he is applying to colleges. "At first, I felt reservations about giving out my social security number to the College Board and various colleges," Oster said. "However, what scares me more than identity theft is a college mixing up my application because I did not give enough identifying information. I guess if I'm going to trust a college with my education, I should be able to trust it with my social security number."

Oster also said that he elected to have a randomly generated number on his driver's license instead of his social security number.

Tom Lekan, head of security for KeyCorp, one of the nation's largest bank-based financial services, says in a company press release that buying a paper shredder, to shred financial information, and unsolicited credit card offers, which bombard students, is one way they can protect themselves.

Additionally, Lekan recommends students take extra caution in not leaving checkbooks, credit cards or mail lying around dorms or shared living spaces and making sure to carefully read over all credit card and bank statements.

Students should only order merchandise online through secure Web sites and make sure that they install and update virus protection programs on personal computers.

Students should also never carry more than a single credit card for planned purchases and only a few checks, not a full checkbook, with only initials printed on them instead of full names.

Lekan also said students should make two copies of personal information cards that may contain social security numbers, like student ID's, drivers' licenses and health insurance cards, and leaving one at home and bringing the other to school.

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Scam Registers College Voters as Republican

Daniella Cheslow
U-Wire

(U-WIRE) EVANSTON, Ill. -- In September, Jennifer Fugo, a student at Montgomery County Community College in Pennsylvania, signed what she thought was a petition to legalize medical marijuana.

The young man collecting signatures asked her to fill a voter registration card to verify her identity.

But in mid-October, Fugo, 24, received a Republican voter registration card.

"It's disturbing that there are people in the area who would try to tamper with votes," said Fugo, a continuing education student studying design.

Days later the Office of Student Affairs at the college sent an e-mail to the college community, encouraging students to report similar incidents to the Office of Public Safety.

The scam at the college has been repeated on several other

campuses in Pennsylvania and Florida, according to the Associated Press and recent articles in Pennsylvania and Florida newspapers.

No cases of registration fraud have been reported at Northwestern, according to College Democrats and Republicans representatives.

Erik Strobl, 20, a student at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania, also signed a medicinal marijuana petition and was registered as a Republican.

He called the Indiana County Courthouse, wrote letters to his student newspaper and contacted prominent Democrats in Pennsylvania, he said.

Registered Republicans can vote Democrat, but the scam nonetheless is infuriating students in the battleground state of Pennsylvania.

According to Adam

Gattuso, executive director of Montgomery County Republicans, registering voters in Pennsylvania is easy.

"You could come in (my office) and grab a thousand registration cards," he said. "Anyone can register anyone."

Before collecting voter information, registrars in Cook County must participate in a training session.

"Some of the people who signed the petition probably weren't registered to vote, so getting them registered is a good thing," said College Republicans Vice President Ben Snyder, a Weinberg junior. "It seems really bizarre to me because changing what party someone is has no bearing on the election."

Because her registration card

arrived in mid-October, Fugo of Montgomery College was not able to re-register as a Democrat, she said.

"I may just change to be an Independent," she said. "I help out the Democratic party and I support their cause, but this whole system is disappointing."

When you manipulate one vote, you destroy confidence in the whole system."

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Memories of the Rotunda - Sponsored by Alumni Relations

This memory is from Larry Robertson, Director of Residential and Commuter Life, who is an alumnus of Longwood.

My most vivid memory of the Rotunda is actually one of the saddest, though. I was living in Blacksburg and was paying very little attention to whatever show was on the television. Then all of a sudden I heard the words, "Longwood College's historic Rotunda is on fire." I remember sitting there shocked and debated about getting in the car and making the three hour trip to Farmville to see what I could do. Over the next twenty-four hours, many of my Longwood friends called and emailed to make sure that I had heard the report and to process how we were all feeling. It was truly like losing a close member of the family. Ironically, I heard from people that I had not heard from in years. For the first time in a long time, I truly remembered what it was like to be part of the Longwood family. Losing the Ruffners and the Rotunda had brought us back together. It also reminded us how important it was to continue playing a role in our alma mater. I know that I will never forget the value of this lesson, and I doubt that many of my friends will either. The Ruffners and the Rotunda are the heart of Longwood, and I cannot wait to see them again on April 23, 2005.

What will your memory be?

Men's Rugby Wins First Championship

Kyle Martin
Staff Writer

Last Saturday, the men's rugby club earned something that had eluded them during their 25-year history: a championship. Club president Patrick Gorham was surprised with the outcome of the match-up. "Honestly, we were in a rebuilding year and we've had a lot of players hurt," Gorham said.

The team faced off in the Virginia Division III championship game against The Tribe of William and Mary (W & M) at Dorey Park in Richmond. The club looked to rebound since their loss against the University of Richmond on October 7.

In the first half, the Longwood club gained early momentum when junior outside center Aaron Cothorn scored a try six minutes and fifteen seconds into the contest. He scored on a blocked W & M kick to give Longwood a 5-0 lead. The Tribe quickly answered the men's club by scor-

ing a try at the nine-minute mark to tie the game 5-5. Although they drove deep into Longwood territory for most of the first half, the club's defense held W & M scoreless for the rest of the game.

The men's team broke the game open late in the first half with a break-away play by junior wing Juan Romero. "I saw Aaron (Cothorn), and passed the ball to Aaron and he broke away for a few seconds. He got tackled and pop-passed the ball to me. I got a break-away, but I was caught from behind and dove in [the try zone] with their player on my back," Romero said. Romero's try put the men's club ahead 10-5 at the end of the first half.

Cothorn recognized ball control as a key factor in the championship game. "We were getting the ball out [of the ruck], moving the ball well, [and] working the ball well," Cothorn said.

Although leading, the men's

rugby club fought hard to increase their lead in the second half. The Tribe of William and Mary drove against Longwood often in the second half, but tight defensive play prevented W & M from scoring and created offensive opportunities. Senior outside center Eric Dodd scored a try in the thirtieth minute on a great defensive play by senior Will Brown.

"It just started from the other team running, [towards the try zone] and I had to stop them. I tackled the [player] and he fumbled the ball into my hands and I had no space. I looked over my right shoulder to Eric Dodd and I pitched [the ball] to him and he had the open field and took off uncontested the rest of the way," second-row player Brown explained.

The men's team finished strong with sophomore flanker Jordan Boze scoring a try as time expired. Longwood tacked on the only conversion kick of the

game and outscored W & M 12-0 in the second half for a 22-5 victory.

Team captain Matthew Cullerton understands the traits for a championship team. "[It takes] talent and, judging from where we were last year, our knowledge of the game. This time last year we didn't have many veterans, but now we've got a more experienced squad," Cullerton said.

He also recognizes a certain intangible as vital to success in the sport of rugby. "Heart is about 80% of this game. There were so many points in the game where they had us pinned on our goal-line, but we never gave up," Cullerton said.

Other players share this sentiment as well. "Everyone on this team gave 100%. It all came from heart," Romero said.

The win improves Longwood's overall record to 4-1 on the season. Longwood will represent the Virginia Division

QUICK HITS

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Men's Soccer Senior Game vs. Mercer @ 7 pm

Players of the Week:

Men's Soccer
Matt VanOekel, 6
saves

Field Hockey
Alexis Ramey, 2
goals

III in the Ed and Sandy Lee Cup this weekend in Richmond. Will Brown said, "It's huge...next weekend is about respect because we're a lower division team, but that doesn't mean we're any less talented than higher division teams."

Mens Basketball Ready For Las Vegas Classic

Sports Information

The schedule has been announced for the 2004 Las Vegas Holiday Classic men's basketball tournament, and Longwood University will face four NCAA Division I Tournament teams during a nine-day stretch December 23-31. The Lancers will play on the road at Northern Iowa (Dec. 23) and at Illinois (Dec. 27) before playing Cincinnati (Dec. 30) and Valparaiso (Dec. 31) in Las Vegas. In addition to each opponent advancing to last year's NCAA Tournament, Illinois has already been ranked #5 in this year's pre-season USA TODAY/ESPN Top 25 Poll.

"Playing in a prestigious tournament like the Las Vegas Holiday Classic, against such a nationally recognizable field, is a great opportunity for everyone involved with the Longwood basketball program," said second-year head coach Mike Gillian. "For a nine-day period, we are going to face four consecutive opponents that are just about as tough a stretch as anyone in the country will play during the upcoming season. These teams

represent success in today's world of college basketball. Competing with them is an ideal way for us to measure where we are as we continue our reclassification to Division I status, and where we want to be as we embark on the journey to become a successful Division I program."

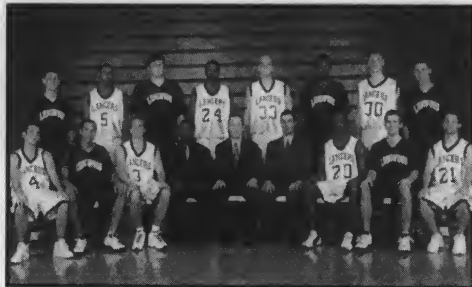
Longwood will play at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, Iowa on December 23 at 8:05 p.m. (ET). The Missouri Valley Conference's Panthers under head coach Greg McDermott were 21-10 last season and return three starters from a year ago. UNI lost 65-60 to eventual national runners-up Georgia Tech in the first-round of last year's Big Dance.

Longwood will play at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, Illinois on December 27 at 8 p.m. (ET). The Big Ten Conference's regular-season Champion Fighting Illini under head coach Bruce Weber were 26-7 last season and return all five starters from a year ago. Illinois lost 72-62 to Duke in the Regional Semifinals of last year's tournament.

Longwood will play the University of Cincinnati in Las Vegas, Nevada at the Valley Athletic Complex on December 30 at 9:30 p.m. (ET). The Conference USA's Bearcats under head coach Bob Huggins were 25-7 last season and return three starters from a year ago. UC lost 92-68 to Illinois in the second-round of last year's national tournament. The game against Cincinnati will also be broadcast on TV by FOX Sports Ohio and FOX Sports Chicago.

Longwood will play Valparaiso University in Las Vegas at the Valley Athletic Complex on December 31 at 2 p.m. (ET). The Mid-Continent Conference's Crusaders under veteran head coach Homer Drew were 18-13 last season and return three starters from a year ago. Valpo lost 76-49 to Gonzaga in the first round of last year's tournament.

The Lancers return three starters from last season: sophomores Michael Jefferson from Chesterfield, Maurice Sumter from Alexandria, and Husein Pistoljevic from Richland, Wash. Jefferson led Longwood in scoring a year ago with his 15.1



Longwood Lancers look to improve on their less than stellar record last season. The young team season starts Nov. 19th

points, adding 5.3 rebounds. Sumter led LU in rebounding with his 5.4 rebounds, adding 11.1 points. Pistoljevic led the team in three-point field goals with 65 and averaged 10.5 points.

Longwood will open the 2004-05 campaign November 19-20 in New York City with its participation in a tournament hosted by the Ivy League's Columbia University. The Lancers open against Columbia on Nov. 19 at 7 p.m., and will play either Morehead State or Mount St. Mary's on Nov. 20. Longwood will host Big South Conference member Radford University for its home opener November 23 at 7 p.m. in Willett Hall.

Weekly Trivia

Which year did the Men's Basketball team post its best record ever of 28 wins and 3 losses?

Last Week's Answer:
Babe Ruth

If you would like to submit a trivia question send an email to rotunda@longwood.edu subject "Trivia" with your question, answer and name (if desired).

NFL Report: Week Eight

Patrick Sullivan
Sports Editor

A couple of long standing streaks in the NFL were broken this week. The first involves a matter that encompasses all Americans, not just those Americans who follow football. The Redskins have a history of deciding how Presidential elections are decided depending on how they perform the week before. If they win, the incumbent wins, if they lose the incumbent loses. So John Kerry and George Bush may have been paying close attention as Green Bay defeated Washington. However Bush's victory Tuesday has put an end to this long standing connection between football and politics.

The Patriots saw a much more personal streak of their own come to a conclusion this week, their consecutive win streak. After a loss to the surprisingly dominating Steelers their streak is concluded at 21 consecutive games including play-offs and 18 regular season games.

The theme of the week was blowouts as eleven of the fourteen games this week were won by ten or more points. The Jets made their contribution to this trend as their running backs helped them devastate the Dolphins. Seattle's defeat of the Panthers appeared closer than it actually was as Carolina scored a wasted touchdown in the closing minutes of the game. An ounce of excitement was found as the Titans battled the Bengals and eventually came out triumphant. Tiki Barber and Willis McGahee fared well each scoring two touchdowns as their teams, the Giants and Bills, respectively, defeated the Vikings and Cardinals. The Jaguars could not find anyone to run the ball, thus they were defeated by the Texans.

Vinny Testaverde appeared able to defeat the Lions by himself as he lead the Cowboys to

STUDENT~ATHLETE PROFILES

Player Profile: Catherine Dunn, Women's Basketball, Senior (4th yr.)
Hometown: Alexandria, VA

Why do you play basketball?

-That's just where my heart is. I love the game, the team camaraderie, the intensity, and the competitive level. My dad played for a long time, and he coached me when I was little, so that was my biggest influence.

Recall your best moment playing here?

-Last year when we played High Point University, a Division I school, we beat them on their home court. It was a big accomplishment because we are an independent school.

What do you like most about Longwood?

-My teammates, the friends I have made here, and my class.

What goals do you have?

-My goals are to have a strong

senior season, for the team to be successful, to graduate with my degree in biology, and attend medical school.

Who is your favorite athlete and why?

-Right now, Michael Phelps because he's 19 and he's been to the Olympics twice and he's already won gold medals. He's a good role model and he represents our country well.

What makes you unique?

My father is a third-degree black-belt in martial arts, so I grew up studying tae-kwon-do and now I'm a kickboxing instructor.



Player Profile: Maurice Sumter, Men's Basketball, Sophomore (2nd yr.)
Hometown: Alexandria, VA

Why do you play basketball?

-It's just something I grew up doing. My older sister played. I became good at it so I continued playing.
Recall your best moment playing here?

-Last year when I scored 29 points against Northern Colorado in the Florida Gulf Coast Tournament in front of my nephews.

What do you like most about Longwood?

-The environment, because it is nice and calm. I grew up in a big city, so I can relax here. The people are great.

What goals do you have?

-I want to have a great career in basketball as well as get my degree in business accounting.
Who is your favorite athlete

and why?
-Dr. J, Julius Erving, because he's so agile. He can jump, and he could just do

anything with the basketball. His style of play was so different from everyone else's when he played.

What makes you unique?

-I've made it this far. I've been through a lot in my life and have overcome adversity, including having my friends sell drugs. I still keep a smile on my face. After every time I could have slipped up, I still made it.



**Athlete Profiles by
Kyle Martin**

victory by throwing three touch downs and running for yet another.

With their loss to the Falcons and a Chargers victory, the Broncos no longer find themselves in sole possession of their division. Also moving into a position to challenge for the lead in the AFC West are the Chiefs, whose latest win against the Colts is their second consecutive unbelievable offensive performances.

Player of the Week: Phillip Rivers starting chances are fading faster than the Raiders did against the Chargers and Drew Brees who completed 88% of his passes, five of which were for touchdowns.

Game of the Week: Being one of two games that was decided by less than seven points, the Eagles victory over the Ravens was all about Terrell Owens and Ray Lewis, and neither disappointed.

Tickets Available for Longwood vs. HSC Game

Sports Information

Longwood University Director of Athletics Rick Mazzuto has announced plans for the sale of the institution's 500 allotted tickets to the Longwood at Hampden-Sydney basketball game scheduled for November 29 at Hampden-Sydney College. The ticket for both Longwood students and the general public become available Monday, November 1, at the Athletics Office Complex #2 (middle mobile unit behind the Longwood Library), at 10 a.m..

Ticket prices are \$5, and sales will continue daily Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. through November 19 as tickets remain available. Longwood University basketball season tickets will also be available for purchase at the following prices: Adult (general public) \$40; Longwood Faculty/Staff \$25; Youth (ages 18-under) \$15; and Family (2 adult, 2 youth) \$80.

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Longwood Professor Hardin Named Fulbright Scholar

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Dr. David S. Hardin, assistant professor of geography at Longwood University, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to conduct four months of research in the Republic of Croatia in 2005.

Dr. Hardin will conduct research on the causes, conduct and outcomes of the 1991-95 Homeland War in Croatia's Western Slavonia, which lies between Bosnia and Hungary in northern Croatia. This is part of his ongoing study of the ethnic Serb community's disastrous attempt after the fall of Yugoslavia to forge a "Greater Serbia" by driving Croats out of Western Slavonia and other Serb-dominated areas of Croatia

known as the Serb Krajina. As a result of blitz campaigns by Croatian government forces in May and August of 2004, two-thirds of the Serb population fled from Western Slavonia and the Serb Krajina, and Croats from other regions were resettled in their place.

Dr. Hardin's specific interests include the processes and patterns of ethnic cleansing that engulfed both the Croat and Serb populations in the region during the conflict, the barriers to the Serbs' return (such as the destruc-



Professor Hardin, in front of a map of Croatia, will conduct four months of research in the Republic of Croatia in 2005.

tion of housing, damaged infrastructure, mine contamination and legal impediments), and the conversion of the Serb cultural landscape into a Croat one in the decade since the war ended.

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Support Grows for 'New College'

Proposed institution to be built in Martinsville

Shawn Garrett
News Editor

Longwood University might have a new competitor for Central and Southside Virginia highschoolers by as early as 2006 if certain Martinsville residents and business leaders get their way.

In a series of three town-hall like hearings held late last month, supporters of a new, four year residential college to be built in the Martinsville-Henry County area implored officials from the State Council of Higher Education of Virginia (SCHEV) to make their dream a reality.

The council will issue a limited report on the feasibility and need of a New College of Virginia, as it is being called, by January 12th.

The second of the two-hour hearings was held at Patrick Henry Community College.

Several hundred listened as representatives from local school boards, the Henry County Board of Supervisors and the Martinsville City Council argued in favor of the proposition, noting that all the boards have passed similar resolutions in favor of the project.

The notion of a new college has been around since 1999, but has regained momentum this year after Lt. Governor Tim Kaine said that he would push for legislation supporting a new college in Southside Virginia last January.

Martinsville-Henry County officials are openly lobbying for the new institution as an economic boost for the region. Hurt by the steady, decades-long decline of manufacturing and textile industries in the state, much of rural Virginia faces not only extreme levels of unemployment, but a migration of young people and those with more technology-focused skills out of the area.

The New College, local officials are certain, would raise not only the profile of the area but bring in much-needed jobs to the area.

A non-profit organization called The Harvest Foundation has committed to a matching program of \$50 million should the state move forward on the proposal. The foundation was created in 2002, thanks in large part to the \$150 million sale of sale of Memorial Hospital of Martinsville and Henry County.

A proposed timeline shows the first of the faculty being hired as soon as this January and the first graduating class by 2009. Hailed as revolutionary, the college would offer 28 month (rather than the average 36), 120 credit degrees specifically tailored to the kind of real, applicable knowledge that would match with the specific needs of the industry.

Also, it would be free. According to the outlining document of the New College posted on the SCHEV website "Tuition, room, and board for New College students will be cost-free through endowment scholarships from the Martinsville-based Harvest Foundation, corporate and government grants, and support from the Commonwealth of Virginia."

The compressed time-to-completion for an undergraduate degree and the limited course offerings are also meant to reduce costs on the state.

Not everyone is pleased with the proposal, however.

Longwood has made a counter proposal that would entail a partnership between Longwood, Old Dominion University and Patrick Henry Community College. Longwood officials say the more traditional approach would reduce costs on the state by half, and provide an already accredited, established system for granting full bachelor's degrees.

But many in the region are still in favor of a brand new school.

I've looked into the faces of children whose parents lost their jobs," said Susan Aaron of Martinsville, a former Pittsylvania County schoolteacher according to *The Richmond Times-Dispatch*. "We need the university here."

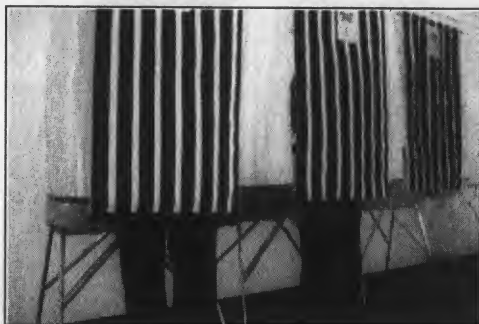
Student Voting Rises Across the Nation and at Longwood

Janet Jones
Copy Editor

Despite which ever candidate won the election, the good news is that this year the vote was up, especially for students. According to statistics from Virginia21, a Richmond-based organization that promotes voting and political awareness among young voters, turnout in this lucrative though often underrepresented demographic jumped 12% from the last presidential election.

Almost 60,000 more young voters went to the polls in 2004 than during the previous election four years ago. This number crosses the half-million mark for the first time in history.

Even here at Longwood, students were making an effort to



Student voting rose by 12% from the 2000 election, a jump of 60,000 votes.

Photo by Stephen Hoon

ensure that their peers' voices were heard. Since mid-September, members of the Student Government Association (SGA) have set up tables in the dining hall, encouraging students to register to vote.

Steven Jones, Vice President of SGA, heralded the efforts of SGA to raise awareness as a huge success.

Although not a student during the 2000 elections, Jones remarked that this year was a

marked improvements over the last election.

Though the SGA has been active during election years past, the aggressive levels reached this year was relatively new. Jones said the motivation for putting such emphasis on this election was, "to make sure people know that we are an instrument of change."

"The youth vote can greatly affect the results," added Jones, "and if we don't speak up then

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Words from the Editor: In Which We Go Back to the Graveyard



After an unsuccessful Sunday night, things were looking down for Longwood's resident grave hunters (also known as *The Rotunda* editorial board). But I've always been taught that a good journalist never gives up, so going back was the only viable option.

Monday night proves scary. The thrill of Halloween is gone. The air is cold. The lights darker. There are bats (which I've never had any experience with, outside of the zoo).

We've decided to take the Cliffs Notes way this time, commissioning an archeology student to make us a map. Map indeed. More like four boxes with a circle in one of them. Granted, Westview is not Arlington National Cemetery, but it is still big enough that a circle isn't really going to help.

We look anyway, just three of us this time, holding hands, our

eyes darting in all directions. Laura holds onto plastic wrapped Oriental Lilies (the selection at Kroger earlier in the night wasn't exactly the best). This is absolutely ridiculous; all we're finding is exactly what we had found the night before.

Do you know what the next logical step is? Because I sure didn't.

The next logical step, when you can't find a grave, is to stalk the person who made you the map.

Of course.

You might note that we only know the name of the street Will lives on and what kind of car he drives. It's dark outside; it's a dark car. Needless to say, we fail again.

We go back home, where we find the boys headed in the direction of our street. "Meet us at the house!" we yell, and they race the car.

"We're going back to the graveyard!" we announce.

They look at us like we're nuts, which, clearly, we are. But

that doesn't stop them from joining us in the car after we acquire Will's cell phone number.

Because when you can't get a person to draw you a decent map, and you can't find his house to take him with you, the next best thing is to keep him on the phone to get specific directions as you go grave by grave.

Even with the Cliffs Notes, we're still horrible failures. This is taking forever, and it's getting late. All the scariness of earlier in the night has multiplied. I'm frustrated, bored, scared, and cold.

And then we find it.

"Ladies and gentlemen," Stephanie says with her best television announcer voice, "welcome to the Longwood Ghetto. Our host Will could not be with us today, but I give you the grave of the one and only Leola Wheeler."

And there she was, right between Bedford and Iler. Lived

1884-1954. Longwood faculty member 1911-1949.

Forget being an English major; I've jumped right into a Lifetime movie. Because the next thing I do is fall right to my knees, tears biting at the corners of my eyes. Faulkner would never be so trite.

I place a flower at the base of the gravestone, my hand resting at the top. Mud seeps through my khaki pants.

Oh, Leola.

My mind is racing. I don't know what to say or what to do. It's not a regular occurrence for me to find the grave of someone I've never met and don't know very much about. It's not like I had a speech planned exactly. But I guess if it's a situation between one living person and one dead person, it's not so much a speech anyway.

Oh, Leola. Thank you. Thank you so much.

The epilogue of the story is this:

We do, in fact - over the night and one more subsequent trip - find the graves of Jarman and many other influential members of the Longwood community. We still have yet to find Edith Stevens, no matter how many people tell us she's buried close to Leola. We have searched old issues of *The Rotunda* and old editions of *The Virginian*. Again, we find everyone except for Edith Stevens.

Someday, we'll learn more. Someday, we'll spread the knowledge we have gained.

For now, we rest.

Amy Whipple

Amy Whipple
Editor-in-Chief

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to Assistant Editor Bobbi Thibo's supposed worst-case scenario in the event of a Kerry Victory.

While I take issue with all the partisan hackery on display, I feel I must address the subject she misrepresented to a nauseating degree: what she, and others, refer to as "partial birth abortion."

This procedure is technically known as Intact Dilation and Extraction and, up until the Republican majority in Congress banned it (ID&E), accounted for 0.2% of all abortions carried out in the U.S.

Further, the procedure is used only when the fetus is already dead, so malformed that stillbirth is absolutely certain, or when carrying the fetus to term would endanger the mother's life or severely disable her.

Miss Thibo's article also implied that this procedure can be had at any time.

In reality, Intact Dilation and Extraction is neither chosen nor executed lightly, as it can pose serious risks for the mother.

Only in cases where the dangers of carrying a fetus to term outweigh these risks do physicians even agree to perform the procedure, and still it is ultimately the

mother's choice.

Or it was until it was banned for purely ideological reasons.

I am deeply disappointed that *The Rotunda* would allow this misrepresentation.

Opinion or not, there is no excuse for the mangling of facts in Miss Thibo's article.

Sincerely,
Trevor Kroger

Dear Editor,

I would like to address some of the recent "fashion" trends that seem to be running amuck in these new brisk weeks.

Apparently, the cold weather has brought about the need for furry boots (usually brown, sometimes black).

Lots and lots of furry boots.

Now, this makes sense to me, with the knowledge that fur, is in fact, warm.

What I cannot understand is the pairing of warm, furry boots with denim mini-skirts.

It seems like this would keep the toes toasty, and the legs and extremities frigid.

To be honest, it seems like the attempted look is slummy Eskimo.

The outcome however, seems to just make you look stupid.

Perhaps because I'm a guy, I

don't have any fashion sense whatsoever.

Perhaps you look dumb as well.

Every single person I have asked about this finds the furry boots and blue jean skirt totally unattractive and outright ignorant.

I can almost understand how someone would think of this outfit as "cute," but then I remember that I am not an idiot.

However, skirts are not the worst thing that can be worn with furry boots.

The worst thing is simply this: long jeans, tucked into furry boots.

I cannot possibly fathom the girl who wakes up, puts on her jeans, tucks them into her furry boots and looks at a mirror and says, "Wheree-Jesus, I look hot today."

How can someone possibly ever think that they look good in this?

The answer is: they cannot.

I would rather see anyone in their pajamas or sweat pants, as Seinfeld would say, "telling the world you just give up," than see another chick looking as ridiculous as she possibly can, with her jeans tucked into her furry boots.

-Tanner Keith

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Marriage is Purely Religious

Patrick Sullivan
Sports Editor

This past Election Day saw the passing by the American people of an amendment to eleven state constitutions to disallow gay marriage.

The majority of voters from the states of Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, and Utah all defined in one way or another to revise their respective constitutions to classify marriage as a union exclusively between a man and a woman.

Before the counts were even deemed official, unsurprisingly, gay-rights groups across the country began to attempt to take legal action against these newly passed decrees.

These series of events only proves once again, democracy only works when you can get what you want.

However, in all seriousness, I honestly don't understand what the big deal is about outlawing gay marriage.

In my opinion, marriage is a purely religious thing.

Unless you are a person who believes that you should

only join with one person and that should be with the blessing of God, then I really don't see any reason for you to go out and get married.

Unless, of course, you just want to avoid some long drawn out discussion with your children someday.

You can still promise your undying and everlasting love to one another, still bear matching wedding bands on your ring fingers, still peacefully reside in the same house together, and if you want legally change your last name; all without having to sign a marriage certificate.

It's not like that one piece of paper is going to make or break a relationship.

If you're going to stay together for life, you're going to stay together for life, if you're not, then you're not, a piece of paper is not going to change that.

It's just going to make leaving each other a lot more expensive.

My grandmother's sister is gay and has lived with her significant other for over fifty years now without officially being married, and they both still appear perfectly happy together.

Although I am a supporter of George Bush, I do not believe that his thoughts of gay marriage ruining the sanctity of marriage is entirely correct.

Like I stated earlier, I believe that marriage is an entirely religious practice and therefore the limitations and practices of a specific marriage should be defined by the couple's particular beliefs.

For instance, I was raised Catholic and even though I have never gone through confirmation, I still follow many of the religious beliefs.

I know that the Catholic Church says marriage is strictly between a man and a woman, and in that case, yes,

gay marriage would de-sanctify its purity.

Therefore, I could not support anyone trying to get married by a Catholic priest unless they adhered to their rule of one man and one woman.

If someone is able to find a church that has no moral objections to marry a same sex couple, or three different partners, then go ahead.

Sure, you may not receive a legal document following the proceedings, but in the eyes of whatever deity you choose to worship your union will be sacred and no force on earth can break that.

However, for the same reasons that I disagree with any kind of legal restrictions for gay marriage, I must also disagree with any legal amendments that would support it.

It would be hypocritical for me to argue that marriage should be strictly religious and then demand legal action to guarantee marriage rights to all.

In truth it would be wrong for me to ask for any other than a complete separation of church and state when it comes to marriage.

If there were a doctrine guaranteeing the right of any kind marriage to all citizens then it might force American churches to grant marriage upon couplings they personally do not approve of.

Nevertheless, there should be a law pledging that no person can ever split up a household or 'marriage' without the willing permission of the groupings participants.

This I believe defies the very principles that this country was founded on, the pursuit of happiness.

The government should have no ramifications over marriage and any union of consenting adults no matter the number or the sex should be honored.

On persons opinions, especially on something as solemn as marriage should never be forced on another person.

props and drops

The Rotunda would like to encourage anyone and everyone to submit props and drops to rotunda@longwood.edu

Props:

- + To friends who drive you back to Salem because you left your keys at home.
- + To fudge.
- + To cool scarves.
- + To Yahoo's Launch service.
- + To children who use *The Rotunda* for current event papers in middle school.

Drops:

- To people who hog the covers.
- To arguments over policy change.
- To people not checking their facts.
- To the Student Union still not making change.

Speak Out

What is your favorite Disney princess?



Princess Fiona because she shows that you don't have to be beautiful to be a princess.

-Whitney Hancock
Freshman

Belle, the scene where her and the Beast... it's just breathtaking.

-Nick Davis
Junior



Tinkerbell, even though she's not really a princess, I like her because even though she's tiny, she can make big things come true.

-Holly Nunnally
Freshman

Jasmine, because she's exotic, not dating about, and doesn't have a bunch of little dudes always hanging around.

-Eric Jerasa
Senior



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Many religions classify marriage as a spiritual commitment between two people, and do not accept gay marriage.

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Dr. Hardin first visited Western Slavonia in 1999, and he did archival and fieldwork there and in other conflict zones in Croatia in 2001 and 2002.

The research included gathering government publications, census materials and maps in Zagreb, Croatia's capital, and interviewing residents and documenting damaged and deserted Serb villages in the Serb Krajina. He has converted and analyzed the published data from the 2001 Croatian census and has produced a set of maps on the change in ethnic composition and other effects of the conflict in Croatia from 1991 to 2001. Preliminary results of his research have been presented at several conferences, most recently in March to the centennial meeting of the Association of American Geographers, in Philadelphia.

He will be affiliated with the Department of Geography at the University of Zagreb from February through June of 2005. His wife, Elizabeth Winegar Hardin, a fellow geographer and former zoning administrator for Powhatan County, will accompany him and aid in his research. Their son Luke also will join them, as he did in 2001 and 2002.

Dr. Hardin's academic specialty is historical geography. His other ongoing European research project involves documenting attitudes toward, and the fate of, National Socialist (Nazi) and Cold War era sites in Germany, Austria, the Czech Republic and Hungary. His interest in European historical geography has led him to more than a dozen other nations as well.

Dr. Hardin, who grew up in Springfield, Virginia, is a graduate

of Mary Washington College and has a master's degree from the University of Tennessee and a Ph.D. from the University of Maryland. Before coming to Longwood in 1991, he worked with a cultural resource management firm in Maryland, as an archivist with the State Library and Archives (now the Library of Virginia), and taught at the University of Maryland's University College and J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College in Richmond. In academic activities closer to home, he has written on tobacco types, agroecology and wildlife legislation in Colonial Virginia.

He is one of approximately 800 U.S. faculty and professionals who will travel abroad to some 140 countries during the 2004-2005 academic year through the Fulbright Scholar Program. Established in 1946 under legislation introduced by the late Senator William J. Fulbright of Arkansas, the program's purpose is to build mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries.

The Fulbright Program, America's flagship international educational exchange activity, is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Over its 57-year existence, thousands of U.S. faculty and professionals have studied, taught or done research abroad, and thousands of their counterparts from other countries have engaged in similar activities in the United States. They are among more than 250,000 American and foreign university students, K-12 teachers, and university faculty and professionals who have participated in one of the several Fulbright exchange programs.

concerned people implementing options to make voting easier.

Whether this rapid change in youth concern was the result of organizations such as these, political issues that affected them, or people finally realizing that you vote does count, it's nice to know that people are exercising their voices in a useful manner.

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[politicians] will never listen to our concerns."

Jones points to the 400+ absentee ballots SGA received as a benchmark of their success. "We definitely had a measurable effect because of this effort," Jones said.

The number of youth voters increased all over the state of Virginia this year from

Longwood Hit By MyDoom Virus Variant

Shawn Garrett
News Editor

According to User Support Services, a new virus hit Longwood's network earlier this week.

A variant of the MyDoom worm, the virus showed up in web mail inboxes last Monday. Bob Smith, security administrator for Longwood and two other Help Desk staff members stayed on until 10pm Monday night evaluating the problem, according to Kim Redford, Director of User Support Services.

After running available scans on infected computers in the Library with no luck, staff members had no choice but to wait for personnel at the McAfee website to implement an update to deal with the problem. User Support

Services put together an email to inform students and faculty of the problem.

No administration or other critical systems were compromised.

"The virus flooded the email server," said Redford, "and it was not a risk to the network." Redford pointed to the fact that few students were infected with the new virus.

"It really is a credit to the students that more computers were not affected," Redford explained. "They knew not to click on links they from people they didn't know, or open suspicious emails. They recognized it as a virus."

Some 350 students have been removed from the network this year for violations related to the spreading of viruses, according

to Redford. "This virus isn't really that bad, but we still have students infected with the Blaster worm, and that was from last year."

User Support Services employs 3 full time staff members and 21 RTAs dedicating to protecting the network.

Redford also elaborated on recent email problems, such as the disappearance of the spell check feature, and the inability of users to sort mail.

"We have had some issues with the web mail," commented Redford. "Some of the features are flat out not working."

Although she could not elaborate on any specific plans, Redford did say that a move toward another "more reliable" web mail service is being considered.

LU Philosophy Program Moves Toward Establishing Major

Shawn Garrett
News Editor

Longwood University might be able to offer a major in Philosophy as early as the Fall 2006 semester if everything goes according to plan, according to Assistant Professor Dr. Paul Moriarty.

Although Longwood currently only employs two Philosophy professors, the Department of History, Political Science and Philosophy is in the process of interviewing a third. The program must have a minimum of three professors in order to instruct the number of needed entry-level courses a major would require.

Currently the department only offers a minor.

"It's a crime to call ourselves a university and not have a

Philosophy major," said Moriarty. "It's like a university not having English or Math."

Currently 22 public and private institutions in Virginia offer programs leading to a bachelor's degree in Philosophy; Virginia Commonwealth University offers up to a Ph.D. in the field.

A formal proposal has been put together and is making its way through the multi-step approval process.

After approval by the Department of History, Political Science and Philosophy, the proposal then comes under the scrutiny of the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) Curriculum Committee, before the Dean of CAS, the Vice President of Academic Affairs and eventually the State Council for Higher Education of Virginia (SCHEV),

President Cormier and the Board of Visitors.

Dr. Moriarty is optimistic the process will be a smooth one. When asked if he thought there would be difficulty in finding a new faculty member, as Longwood's faculty pay scale is the lowest in the state, he stated he is confident there won't be.

"Philosophy makes a great double major," Moriarty explained.

"Many Philosophy majors do very well on the LSATs and business school exams," he added. "It is a great preparation for many careers where creating and evaluating arguments is key."

The idea of a major in Philosophy has been in the air for around five years according to Moriarty.

"I'm confident we'll be able to bring it back."



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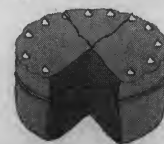
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Bush Names Gonzales to Succeed Ashcroft

Associated Press

President Bush nominated White House counsel Alberto Gonzales, who helped shape the administration's controversial legal strategy in the war on terror, to be attorney general Wednesday. He would be the first Hispanic ever to serve as the nation's top law enforcement officer.

"He is a calm and steady voice in times of crisis," Bush said, his eyes glistening with emotion as he stood next to Gonzales. "He has an unwavering principle of respect for the law."

After complaints about civil rights abuses in the name of fighting terror, Gonzales said, "There should be no question regarding the department's commitment to justice for every American. On this principle there can be no compromise."

A Harvard-educated attorney whose parents were migrant workers, the soft-spoken Gonzales would succeed Attorney General John Ashcroft, one of the most powerful and polarizing members of Bush's Cabinet.

"Just give me a chance to prove myself" -that is a common

prayer for those in my community," said Gonzales. "Mr. President, thank you for that chance."

Some of Ashcroft's harshest critics welcomed his selection, while others voiced doubts.

"It's encouraging that the president has chosen someone less polarizing," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. "We will have to review his record very carefully, but I can tell you already he's a better candidate than John

Ashcroft." Another Democrat, Sen. Byron Dorgan of North Dakota, said the Senate generally allows the president to choose his own team and was likely to do so in this case.

The American Civil Liberties Union reserved judgment on Gonzales, but its executive director, Anthony Romero, said,

"What we do know raises some significant doubts and trouble."

Gonzales drew criticism after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks when he wrote a memo in which Bush claimed the right to waive

of prisoners did not apply to al-Qaida or the war in Afghanistan. The memo called some of the Geneva Convention's provisions "quaint."

Gonzales also defended the administration's policy - essentially repudiated by the Supreme Court and now being fought out in lower courts - of detaining certain terrorism suspects for extended periods without access to lawyers or courts.

Bush was unapologetic about Gonzales' role.

"His sharp intellect and sound judgment have helped shape our policies in the war on terror, policies designed to protect the security of all Americans while protecting the rights of all Americans," the president said.

"My confidence in Al was high to begin with," Bush said. "It has

only grown with time."

Senate Judiciary Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, expressed confidence Gonzales would be promptly confirmed. Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont, the Judiciary Committee's senior Democrat, said he did not see Gonzales' nomination as controversial.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., said Gonzales' record raised "doubts about his commitment to the rule of law. Even Secretary of State (Colin) Powell objected to Mr. Gonzales' memorandum undermining the Geneva Conventions, which Mr. Gonzales called 'obsolete' and 'quaint.'"

Gonzales' selection came just a day after the White House announced the resignations of Ashcroft and Commerce Secretary Don Evans, a close friend of Bush. With more changes expected, White House officials said Bush intends to try to have successors in place when resignations are announced.

Bush sidestepped whether Powell would remain for a second term. "I'm proud of my secretary of state," he told reporters after meeting with Powell earlier in the day. "He's done a heck of a good job."



White House counsel Alberto Gonzales to take over from Ashcroft as Attorney General.

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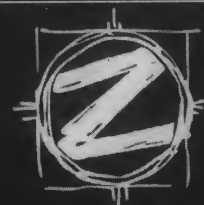
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Tongue in Cheek

By: Ellie Woodruff



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The World Has Turned and Left Me Here

Mandy Amason
Staff Writer

Dear Mandy,

Every week I look forward to Thursdays - not because Longwood has moved to Thursdays being known as Thirsty Thursdays, but because I get to read your advice column in The Rotunda. I can really relate to you because I tend to be the same type of person that you are; I speak my mind. This sometimes gets me in trouble, but I look at it as a way of being honest and true to yourself and others. Recently, I have been experiencing trouble with a few of my friends, as far as accountability is concerned.

Accountability is a virtue that Longwood Students should strive to uphold, because, after all, we are a school that produces Citizen Leaders. No one looks at someone who is unaccountable as a Citizen Leader. Yet we have students here who are totally unaccountable.

I would like everyone out there who is unaccountable to know what a stress you put on those of us who are accountable. One example of this is in my Intro to Anthropology class: almost every Friday our class numbers dwindle because of students who are unaccountable (they spend their Thursday evenings doing "extra-curricular" activities and can't muster up the strength to show up to a 50 minute class. Those of us who are accountable and come to class regularly have to deal with the disappointment and frustration of our wonderful professor Dr. Bates. I believe that you have all weekend to participate in the many festivities here at Longwood, and even if you do partake in the Thirsty Thursday celebrations you should be able to drag yourself to

class at noon on a Friday. So to those of you who can't attend class regularly...either drop it or grow up and show up!

Signed,
M.N.

Dear M.N.,

For anyone that knows me somewhat well, they know that I have particularly high standards when it comes to friendship. After all, you are who you hang with, and I don't want to hang out with a bunch of losers and jerks. I have even been known as a :gasp: bitch. But you know what? Friends are essential, and what's even more crucial is having the right ones.

Friends that are loyal, supporting, helpful, and are willing to back you up, come a dime a dozen. I appreciate you telling me that I inspire you to speak your mind. It is necessary to a friendship. See, I was born with the power of being candidly honest.

Yeah, to some, it's a power! I use this power on my friends, some want to hear it and some don't. Everybody roars for honesty but the reality is that we all want everyone to sugar-coat the truth. It's a natural thing; Woolf articulated it best in, "The Mark on the Wall" by saying that there is no such thing as objective reality. So my advice to you is to call your friends out.

Sit with them and tell them what's bothering you and make sure that you listen to them as well because that is

an undemanding respect issue. Talk out the concerns; if they aren't willing to be mature then they are not worth your time. I hear the excuse all the time that every person makes mistakes, but if they are not willing to apologize to your face then they are not really sorry. Friends like that are what I call "repeat offenders". They are not people that are worth your time, so don't feel bad about telling them to hit the door.

Now, about the people that don't show up to class: who cares? The college already has their money, and if the morons fail then the college gets paid again when they have to repeat.

Yeah, it is really frustrating, and almost sad, that people can not find it in themselves to show up for class. It is a slap in the face to our great professors here, and just rude. Also, it makes people who really have to miss a class look unmanageable and like slackers. All I can say is that they are digging their own grave and they have to lay in it. So why sweat what other people do? If it isn't hurting you, then do not bother worrying about it. Just do the best that you can do and remember that you will be half these people's boss in a few years.

Until next time boys and girls,
Mandy Amason

If you would like to write to Mandy for some advice, please email the Rotunda at rotunda@longwood.com and in the subject as ADVICE COLUMN QUESTION. Thanks!

These letters have challenged us to write the day after the Rotunda was published, and to be the same person the instance in your life when you read this stuff as they have made a life-changing impression. Please, email the Rotunda with your responses to our questions. rotunda@longwood.edu

Carpe Diem

I promised myself I wouldn't do this again. But it's 2:30 in the afternoon, and I have a paper due at 6:15. It's always 2:30 in the afternoon with a paper due at 6:15, unless it's 7:00 in the morning, and I have a paper due at 11.

I make a point of getting research a few days beforehand. I promise myself that I will start writing that night. Then it's the next night. And then it's the night before it's due.

And then I think, I'll just go to bed early. I write better in the morning anyway. Carpe diem, indeed.

Amy Whipple

Band Review: Caffeine

Naomi Pearson
Staff Writer

On Saturday night, all the way from London, England, Lancer Productions presented *Caffeine*.

The band members made their entrance on the last few measures of Darth Vader's theme from the *Star Wars* soundtrack and immediately tore into their opening song.

As J. Browning (lead guitar) said to me earlier, "We're a high-energy show; that's why we're called *Caffeine*."

Although there were barely thirty people in Lankford Ballroom when the show began at eight o'clock, the three young men played just as enthusiastically as if it had been packed to the walls, and never let up.

By eight-thirty, more students had trickled in and a small crowd gathered in the front, head-banging and slam dancing.

Scott McEwan (lead vocals, bass) and Browning rocked tirelessly, running and leaping across the platform, while Andy Clarke (drums) totally grooved to his driving rhythms.

At one point, McEwan jumped down and played his bass among the dancing group at one side of the stage and Browning joined the slam dancers at the other, not once missing a note or a beat.

McEwan has a sexy mid-range voice; every note clear and true. Though I could barely under-

stand a single word, the fact that the guy could sing was undeniable.

Browning plays his guitar as though there is nothing else in the world he would rather be doing. He oured so much energy into it and did not even seem break a sweat.

And Andy of the perfect pounding rhythms, made the complex art of keeping the time, directing the heartbeat of the music, look effortless.

By the end of the set, nearly everyone was at the front, dancing and cheering, and when the band left the stage after the last song, the crowd started chanting, "One more! One more!", to which the lads responded by returning to play two more songs, and welcomed several people to join them on stage.

This time, when they came to the last song, McEwan invited everyone to stay and hang out with them afterward. Browning jumped into the group of slam dancers, who caught him and carried him out amidst applause and cheers.

The fellows autographed a good many CD albums and several articles of clothing, as well as posed for pictures with a number of Longwood students who found out, as I did earlier, how friendly and engaging the young men are.

Their EP album, *Lying Honestly*, is available through their website at www.caffeineuk.com.

Movie Review: Shall We Dance

Bobbie Thibo
Asst. Editor-in-Chief

Shall We Dance has evoked mixed emotions from critics and viewers alike.

For Richard Gere fans, this movie is definitely entertaining, and those who have followed his career will be delighted to see his portrayal of the down-trodden turned light-hearted.

John Clark (Gere), a married estate lawyer in the city, is unhappy with his routine lifestyle.

On impulse he takes up ballroom dance lessons at Miss

Mitzi's Ballroom Dancings Studio, where he befriends two other beginning dancers as well as the instructor (Jennifer Lopez).

Through dance and competition, Clark resolves his boredom and fulfills his need to do something spontaneous, which in turn helps to patch up his family life.

Although the fancy footwork is not what Gere fans are used to, seeing him take on a role with levels that have not been seen from him before is refreshing.

You get the comfortable,

serious, romantic Gere character that you are used to, and at the same time he reveals an energetic and fun persona that he pulls off spectacularly.

While the cheesy "seductive" innuendoes from Lopez can cause the audience to cringe and cover their faces with embarrassment, the chemistry between co-star Susan Sarandon (his wife) and Gere is undeniable.

For Gere fans and romantics alike, it is the portrayal of dance as a rejuvenator of a downhill marriage that makes it possible for this movie to steal your heart!

My Fifth Year: A Classic Freshman Story

Lee French
Staff Writer

Fresh off the boat from five years of military school, I just couldn't seem to get past the fact that we now we seem to have no real rules and that there are girls everywhere here.

As for my classes, whoa...yeah, not overly concurred about those, let's carry on rather. And carry on we did. It didn't help that I managed all B's and one C that first semester, which did little more than to instill a totally false sense of academic security in me. And it didn't help that we all lived on 1st Tabb, one of only two all male hallways at Longwood with an impressive delinquent legacy.

From that point on, I think we managed to represent ever variation of the classic freshman, including but not limited to the "gotta walk out on seminar class two Fridays in a row cause I'm about to boot" freshman, the "setting the fire alarm off in the dormitory three nights in a row because we were smoking a gigantic hookah underneath our fire alarm" freshman, and the oh so familiar "literally being arrest-

ed for dancing drunk in the sawmill up until the cop looks at your friend's student ID, who had shaved his chest hair in the shape of a heart and yanked off his shirt seconds before the picture snapped, and is just like WTF...get out of here, and your saved" freshman.

One weekend that winter, I journeyed off to Snowshoe Mountain, WVA for the weekend with my new girlfriend and then on to visit friends down in Radford. I have an Anthropology mid-term on Monday. And this would be one of those "Test 1 + Test 2 + research paper = your final grade" style classes.

While there where many totally acceptable excuses for not showing up for the mid-term, it unfortunately appeared as though "obliterated in Radford" was not going to be one of them. "Car trouble" was equally believable and sounded so much better. It would have been further complimented with

groveling for mercy if necessary.

But fortunately, my professor took pity, though he did not allow me to make up the test, which was good, for I knew little to nothing about the subject



matter, and he probably knew that.

No, instead I was assigned a second research paper of no less than ten empirically cited pages due by the end of the semester. I mean, what can you do? Blow it off, along with the rest of your major projects, until we are inside the last two weeks is exactly what I did.

And so finally on a quiet Tuesday night, figuring that it was about time to address this whole "school" thing, and I sat down at my desk and began to at least think about research paper #1. The window was open overlooking the sunken gardens of the Colonnades and a nice breeze was flowing through the room. I think I wrote one sentence, maybe two. Hell, lets say a whole paragraph.

Then the evening serenity is interrupted by a very new and unexplainable sound. Some kind of siren located downtown somewhere began wailing. This sound, that I could only describe as a WWII era air raid, was quite strange and seemed totally out of place.

It was almost as if it had missed its cue, like 50 years ago. I fully expected the town to go into a blackout and bombs to start falling. I sat there with my head out the window for quite some time it seemed like, trying

to dissimilate just what in the he haw could possibly be going on right now?

So, I walk out on the hallway to consult the wisdom of my fellow First Tabbers to see if anyone else had some answers. My buddy Homeless Rob walks up so casually and was like, "Yo dude, I think Grainger's on fire, let's go watch." I'm like, "Wow really?! Cool, maybe we won't have class tomorrow or something," and we run out, ignorant of the fact that this would be the last time I'd walk off the hall having it resemble anything of what I remembered it to be.

So, we run outside and sure enough, the roof of Grainger is defiantly on fire. The two of us stood out there in front of the fountain, no one else was even was outside yet.

Fire is really quite fascinating to watch, and it really didn't even seem all that big so we just stood there and gawked. We were soon joined by some other passers by all just standing there till someone finally made an observation and said, "so...where are the fire trucks?"

To be continued...

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Students Dig Up Unmarked Graves on Halloween

Janet Jones
Staff Writer

On Halloween weekend, students in the Advanced Archaeology course at Longwood did what everyone was really thinking about doing that night; digging up unmarked graves in the cemetery.

Yes, that is correct, on October 30th, these students and Dr. Bates trailed down to Westview Cemetery to find and record unmarked graves.

After speaking with Will Pettus, a student working on this project, he disclosed that this was an ongoing project started in 2002. Pettus said, "We found twenty-two unmarked graves that are believed to pre-date the year 1915."

The town of Farmville was aware that there were unmarked graves in this area. However, they were uncertain of how many or where they were located.

One possibility for the graves going unnoticed could be that they were old family plots that were there before the town

owned the cemetery.

Pettus commented, "We only dug about twelve inches down, just to find the tops of the grave shafts. We have been doing research to find out who these people were, but as of yet, we have not found anything out."

Despite the possible controversy that could come along with such an activity, the town of Farmville was pleased that the students were excavating in this area. Pettus even said that, "Everyone who stopped by seemed very happy about the work." Pettus believes that they were very successful with this dig, but there is still much work to do.

This will include other digs in the same area in hopes to better understand exactly how this part of the cemetery had been used in the past.

This may take place in the spring and when the final report is finished it will be placed in the Greenwood Library.



"Digging in the cemetery" Photograph by Will Pettus

Memories of the Rotunda - Sponsored by Alumni Relations

Here is a memory from Greg Tsigaridas,
Class of 1994 and System Engineer in IIT.

It was my Senior year when our RA got permission for our hall to play hide-and-seek in the Ruffners one evening. I think we all got a special connection to the building that night as we hid in nooks, crannies, stairwells, and open classrooms while trying to escape those that were "IT." And of course, trying to be stealthy on those infamous squeaky steps and floors caused quite a few of us to be spotted! It was a fun night that I still clearly remember, and can only be topped by the holiday season with the giant (live!) Christmas tree and the Camerata Singers in the Rotunda.

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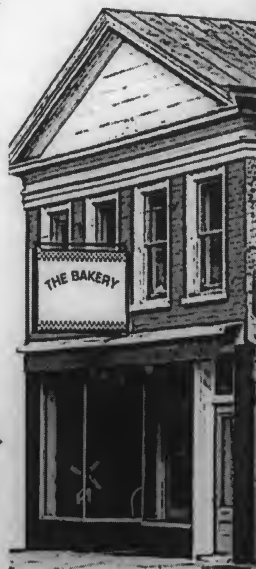
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Longwood Women's Basketball Preview

Shawn Slotke
Staff Writer

Longwood University continues to march forward to the 2007 qualification to Division I, the Women's Basketball team will face their most challenging season ever. With a 17-9 record last year and a CVAC Championship in 2003, the Lancer's main goal is to be competitive at the next level.

Coach Shirley Duncan wants to "win as many games as possible." With a schedule that pits the Lancers against in-state rivals like George Mason and Norfolk as well as Division I powerhouse like University of Kentucky and West Virginia, Duncan says, "we want to see where we are in relation to where we want to be."

Although the schedule is challenging, Coach Duncan says the toughest opponents will likely be West Virginia and University of Kentucky. "Both these school are in real tough conferences. WVU is a member of the Big East and Kentucky is in the SEC. They are

used to a very high level of competition."

Coach Duncan explains that the challenging Division I schedule helps to keep her players motivated. "Our players are focused on the opportunity to show what they can do." Indeed this will likely be a very excited year to see just what the Lancers can do.

Motivation is defiantly not something the Lancers are lacking. With four freshmen, Keiva Small, Amanda Chilcoat, Leigh Mascherin and Nadege Wandeu, the team is not lacking a deep bench either. Coach Duncan is looking for these new players to make an immediate and long-term impact on the team. "The transition from high school to college is huge and they're learning that. How quickly and successfully they make that change will have a huge impact on the team overall."

To help guide the freshman in their transition to the college level, Coach Duncan is looking

to her seniors, Marita Meldere and Catherine Dunn. "There's nothing like having strong seniors. They set a good example for the other players and they know what needs to be done. The team always wants to make a senior's last year great so they inspire the underclassmen to work harder."

With 8 returning players on this year's squad, Duncan is confident in her team's hard work, both in the off season and the pre-season. She cites her two junior forwards, Amber and Ashley Mason who, "both have incredible work ethic" as examples of the dedication her players have.

To help the talented squad succeed, two new additions to the coaching staff have been made. Nikki Atkinson, a former Longwood player, was just named as Associate Head Coach. "The volume of work has increased tremendously" Coach Duncan explained, "Nikki is primarily in charge of recruiting, scheduling and travel." Duncan is optimistic about what Atkinson

can bring to the program. "Nikki seemed like a natural fit because she knows my style of coaching. She also brings with her a great deal of Division I experience that we need."

Also new to the Lancer coaching staff, is Usha Gilmore who will serve as assistant coach. "Usha also has a lot of Division I experience." Gilmore will help with scouting and tape exchange, which are both crucial to the team's success this year.

With a deep bench and a talented coaching staff, Coach Duncan is excited about this year. "I am most excited for our first tournament on November 19th. This is the first Division I basketball tournament to ever be played on the Longwood Campus." This historic event will likely be a great test for the Lancers and will be a terrific start to their season.

The first DI tournament is

QUICK HITS

Records:

Men's Soccer 1 - 16

Home Games:

NONE

Players of the Week:

Men's Soccer
Chris Miller, 1 Goal

one of many thrills Duncan has experienced in this her 22nd year of coaching at Longwood. When asked what she attributes her longevity in coaching to she replied "Good people. I've been lucky to always have good people around me, and there are a lot of good people here."

Longwood first steps on the court against Winthrop at 8:00pm on November 19th as a part of the Lancer Invitational.

Senior Game Loss Finishes Men's Soccer Season

Kyle Martin
Staff Writer

The men's soccer team hosted their season finale last Saturday night against the Bears of Mercer University. The contest was also the senior game honoring the career of senior captain Stuart Bertsch. "I was nervous, saddened, and excited. It only happens once," Bertsch said. The Lancers looked to end a four-game losing streak and earn their second victory of the season.

Longwood gained momentum early in the match-up and took a 1-0 lead in the thirty-fourth minute on sophomore defender Chris Miller's goal past Mercer goalkeeper Martin Walker.

"We had a cross played into the six-yard box. I just squared up on the goal and hit a good shot on target and beat the keeper," Miller said. The goal was his third of the season and junior midfielder Leon Malca assisted on the play.

The Lancers pressured Mercer continuously and took a commanding 2-0 advantage with less than four minutes in the first half on freshman forward Todd

Rune's goal assisted by freshman midfielder Mike Negash. Longwood dominated the half with an 8-3 advantage in shots and a 4-2 advantage in corner kick opportunities.

"After the first half, I felt like everybody cared a lot. Everybody gave their best effort of the season," Rune said.

With the lead in hand, Longwood sought to strengthen their advantage in the second half while Mercer fought to gain momentum. With twelve shots in the second half, Mercer capitalized on their chances. The Bears cut into Longwood's lead twenty-one minutes into the half on Mike McKeever's free kick past Lancer goalie Matt VanOekel. Mercer tied the game 2-2 and forced overtime play in the seventy-sixth minute on Alan Colgan's unassisted goal. Leon Malca understands the difficulty involved with maintaining the lead late into a game. "We were not used to being in that situation. We just didn't know how to deal with it as a team," Malca said.

The overtime session gave the Lancers a chance to earn their first one-goal win or tie of the season. However, the Bears' Alan Colgan ended Longwood's season with a header to score the winning goal for Mercer with two minutes remaining in overtime.

"We had lots of passion and lots of intelligence, especially in the first half. We had lots of youthful inexperience in the second half," coach Barrueta said.

After having a dominate lead and allowing three unanswered goals, the men's team was disappointed, but not disheartened. "We had the passion and desire of the team. Today, we showed our full potential as a team," captain Stuart Bertsch said.

The loss finalized Longwood's record to 1-16 on the season with the Lancers finishing 0-9 in one-goal games in 2004. With the season complete, players and coaches recognize accomplishments beyond wins and losses and look forward to next year.

Leon Malca said, "This was my first year that I've played with so many young players. I learned a



The IFC Poker Tournament crowned their first champion, Boone Prentice, who survived over 100 other players

Picture By Patrick Sullivan

lot about teaching the game to others. Every team I played with in the past there were a lot of players I learned from. This year, I learned more from the coaches than I did the players."

"We were probably the youngest team in the whole country, starting eight to nine freshmen. We had a 1-16 record with nine one-goal losses. It's important to not let the record and the type of losses because it the guys realize how close they really are to a winning season next year. I could not coach and have not coached a better group of people than the current team," coach Barrueta said.

Weekly Trivia

What is Women's Basketball Coach Shirley Duncan's over Longwood record?

Last Week's Answer:
1979-80

If you would like to submit a trivia question send an email to rotunda@longwood.edu subject "Trivia" with your question, answer and name (if desired).

NFL REPORT:
WEEK NINEPatrick Sullivan
Sports Editor

For the second straight week, Pittsburgh played host to a team that was coming in undefeated, and for the second straight week the Steelers sent a previously unbeaten team home with their first loss of the season. Not only have the Steelers defeated two of the most feared teams in the league in consecutive weeks, but they have decimated both the Patriots and Eagles. Last week blasted New England 34 to 20 and this week embarrassed the Eagles 27 to 3 all the while mocking Terrell Owens's end zone celebrations. These two games, in addition to Ben Roethlisberger's unbelievable progression, have many people believing that the Steelers are the new Super Bowl favorites.

Another surprisingly improving quarterback, Drew Brees, has many people believing in the return of the San Diego "Super" Chargers after their defeat of the New Orleans Saints. The Patriots were able to bounce back from their defeat at the hands of the Steelers to crush the Rams. Baltimore also got a measure of revenge of their own defeating Cleveland who had upset them in their season opener.

In a battle of slumping Super Bowl runners-up, the Raiders were able to put the Panthers away in the final seconds with a field goal. A final second touchdown to put the Cardinals over the Dolphins was enough to drive head coach Dave Wannstedt out of Miami for good. Similar final quarter heroics lead the Buccaneers over the Chiefs who

STUDENT~ATHLETE PROFILES

Player Profile: Trey Deal, Men's Golf, Senior (4th yr.)
Hometown: Martinsville, VA

Why do you play golf?

-My father played college golf for Virginia Tech. Every weekend he would go to the golf course and I would go with him and watch him. I started to play a little more every year. I played through high school and it led to college.

Recall your best moment playing here?

-I'm number one in the nation in putting average for all Division I schools for the fall season right now.

What do you like most about Longwood?

-I like the size of the school the most. It's not too big and not too small. It's nice to have chances to always meet new people.

What goals do you have?

-Right now, my big goal is to graduate. I've only got one semester left. I either want to

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-Phil Mickelson. When I was 10, I was at the Greater Greensboro Open and I got hit with a golf ball by Greg Norman. He was playing with Mickelson that day. He never apologized or acknowledged the fact that I was there. Phil Mickelson apologized for him and invited me to eat lunch with him after the round. I thought that showed a lot of class. He took the time to come over and handled the situation in a mature way.



Player Profile: Amanda Diamond
Women's Golf, Senior (4th yr.)
Hometown: Leesburg, VA

Why do you play golf?

-I started playing because my parents played and there was a clinic at the course they played at. I attended the clinic and was hooked on the sport.

Recall your best moment playing here?

-My sophomore year, we won the east regional tournament and qualified for the NCAA Division II National Championship Tournament.

What do you like most about Longwood?

-I like its size. I didn't want to go to a big school. It's really pretty and you can walk from one end of the campus to the other in ten minutes and see someone you recognize.

What goals do you have?

-I'm not at the level where I can play professional golf, but I have a semester left to have fun with. When I graduate, I want to find a

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**Who is
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**favorite athlete and why?**

-I like John Madden. He's a professional golf instructor who teaches me at River Bend Country Club in Great Falls, Virginia. I've been taking lessons from him since my freshman year in high school and he's always helped me on and off the golf course.

What makes you unique?

-A lot of people perceive me as shy and quiet in the classroom, but I like to talk a lot with my friends on and off the golf course.

**Athlete Profiles by
Kyle Martin**

may be without star runner Priest Holmes next week.

After a come-from behind win against the Giants, the Bears have put together their first back-to-back wins of the season. The Redskins may accomplish that same feat if they can improve on this weeks win against the Lions. Cowboys also continue to struggle after dropping another game, this time to the Bengals.

In an AFC East showdown, the Bills upset the adrenaline rushed Jets. The race for the AFC West crown might be the most exciting thing to watch in

the coming months as the Broncos try to hold off the Chargers as the defeat the Texans.

Player of the Week: No one said tearing up the 49ers secondary was hard, but Matt Hasselbeck made it look especially easy passing for 285 yards and three touchdowns.

Game of the Week: Nothing hurts an offense more than coming from behind to tie the game in the fourth quarter just to watch your opponents kicker take away your chance at overtime. Just ask the Vikings who lost a heart-breaker to the Colts.

Women's Golf Finishes Fall Season

Sports Information

Longwood University fired a final round 322 in women's golf Tuesday for a 36-hole team total of 641 (319-322) to finish, tied for second, among 14 institutions at the Augusta State Lady Jaguar Invitational in Augusta, Ga. Maryland, which shot a 314 on Tuesday, took home top team honors with a two-day total of 633 (319-314) at the par-72 5,954-yard Forest Hills Golf Club. Augusta State tied for second with Longwood,

while UNC Greensboro and Jacksonville State shared fourth place. Katie Stepanek of Maryland earned top individual honors with a score of 152.

Longwood was led by junior Stephanie Hicks with her rounds of 76-78-154 to tie for third among 72 golfers. Hicks was followed by senior Tiffany Woodyer (79-80-159, t-13) and Amanda Diamond (82-81-163, t-22), along with freshman Petra Nystrom (82-83-165, t-30) and senior Tucker McCarthy (83-91-174, t-65).

Student-Athlete Sponsored Blood Drive To Be Held

Sports Information

Longwood University Athletics, in conjunction with Virginia Blood Services, is once-again sponsoring its 3rd Annual Blood Drive on Tuesday, November 30, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on-campus in the Lankford Ballroom. The annual blood drive is being sponsored by the institution's 200-plus student-athletes. Appointments to donate can now be booked online, completely

confidential, at www.vadonor.com, using the sponsor code: longwood.

"Longwood Athletics is proud and honored to host this blood drive," said Longwood assistant athletics director for development Mike Mitchell. "Our athletes and coaches truly understand the need to give back to the community and there are few ways better than by giving something so important."

Please help save a life this holiday season. A pint of blood takes but a moment to give and could save someone's life, including your own or someone you care about. To donate, either sign-up online or just stop by the Lankford Ballroom November 30 in the Student Union building located at the center of the Longwood University campus. For more information, contact Mike Mitchell at 395-2138.

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Smoking On Brock Commons Since 1920

November 18, 2004

Wellness Center, Student Volunteers Stage Anti-Smoking Demonstration on Brock Commons

Shawn Garrett
News Editor

Longwood students, faculty and staff, smokers and nonsmokers alike, awoke to a blunt and sweeping reminder of the informal ban on smoking on Brock Commons yesterday.

As a result of a coordinated effort between Longwood's Student Health and Wellness center, Student Government Association (SGA) and S.E.A.L., members of Longwood's community were confronted with what looked to be hundreds of small orange flags as well as a handful of large, hanging banners.

According to SGA President Alicia Moody, the banners and flags are meant to be temporary signs, not unlike "No Parking" signs, which have been put up to deter smokers until more permanent signs arrive next semester.

Many students, however, feel misled by the banners, believing that a smoking ban on Brock Commons actually exists.

"I saw the signs [Wednesday] and assumed you couldn't smoke on Brock Commons," said junior Kimberly Ambrose, who added that she was shocked that no such ban is on the books.

Junior Kimberly Herborn said that she had heard of "people getting ticketed" for smoking on the Commons, and was under the impression that the area had been officially designated smoke-free.

Moody admitted that the ban on smoking is unofficial. "No fines have been issued for smoking [on Brock Commons]," said Moody, who confirmed that a fine has not yet been established, because smoking on the Commons is not actually listed as an offense.

Longwood's Board of Visitors will decide during their meeting



A "No Smoking" banner put up overnight on Brock Commons. Photo by Shawn Garrett

on December 10th if smoking on the Commons will be made a permanent, punishable offense, according to Moody. Confident the Board will vote in favor of a ban, Moody said the offense would be immediately listed in the Student as well as Faculty and Staff handbooks.

While some feel that the possi-

in the grass and not have smoke blown in their face."

"The majority of students on campus don't smoke," said Moody, "and we're siding with the majority."

Wellness Center Family Nurse Practitioner Beth Poore-Bowman reiterated Moody's statements, confirming that "most students at Longwood don't smoke."

According to studies conducted by the Wellness Center, on average, only 3 out of 10 students have used any kind of tobacco product in the last 30 days, and only 11% of students smoke, including occasional smokers.

According to Poore-Bowman, Longwood's smoking policy has been gradually evolving since 1997, when smoking was banned in all administrative and academic buildings on campus.

Smoking was still permitted in most residence halls as well as the burning of candles and incense until as recently as the 2002-2003 school year. The change, Poore-Bowman claims, was a direct result of the fire that consumed the Ruffners in the spring of 2001. "The Rotunda burned down...and people were still allowed to smoke in the dorms. It was crazy," said Poore-Bowman.

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One in a long line of orange flags outside the Cummings. Photo by Shawn Garrett

ble closing off such a large and heavily used area of campus would be an infringement on the rights of smokers, Moody said that there are still several areas on campus where students, faculty and staff can smoke, such as the so-called "smoke huts."

"We waited three years for the completion of a muddy hole on the ground," said Moody, who emphasized the need to keep the Commons free of cigarette butts, and make sure it is a place where "students can sit on the stone or



Ferguson will join ARAMARK as director of Catering Services after retiring as director of Conferences, Scheduling.

Jennifer Wall
Office of Public Relations

Working 31 years at one institution would be enough for most people, but not for Brenda Ferguson. "Why retire when you love where you are. After all, I came to Longwood at the tender age of four and I still have some kick in me!" said Ferguson.

"It is with bittersweet emotion that I announce the retirement of Brenda Ferguson, director of Conferences, Scheduling, and

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Special Events," said Longwood President Patricia Cormier.

"Bittersweet because although Brenda will be retiring from Longwood after 31 years of exemplary service, she will remain a Longwood devotee as she assumes the position of director of catering services for ARAMARK."

Brenda replaces Jeanie Campbell, who became ARAMARK's director of dining services earlier this year.

"Not only am I delighted to continue to be a part of the Longwood community that I love, but I now have walked into an incredible organization that is solid, professional and organized," said Brenda Ferguson.

"Becoming a part of the ARA

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LU Political Forum Provides Analysis of 2004 Election



From left to right, panel members Lindsey Reynolds, Clarke Hogan and Dr. Geoffroy de Laforcade discuss the 2004 Election. Photo by Shawn Garrett

Shawn Garrett
News Editor

The hour-long Political Forum, sponsored by the Department of History, Political Science and Philosophy and the Civic Leadership Institute, touched on a wide range of topics from gay marriage and abortion rights to the war on terror, but focused on the relative successes and failures of the Democratic and Republican campaigns for the White House.

For nearly an hour and a half Thursday night, representatives

from Virginia's Republican and Democratic parties, as well as a Longwood professor, analyzed and responded to questions about the 2004 elections and the ramifications of Bush's re-election at home and abroad.

A capacity crowd of Longwood students and a handful of faculty members listened intently this past Tuesday night to Lindsey Reynolds, Executive Director of the Democratic Party of Virginia,

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Words from the News Editor: A Path to Nowhere

Fall is the most beautiful season for colleges and universities in the east, and Longwood is no exception. Longwood transforms during the Fall into the kind of picturesque, noble setting that has come to define the iconic image of American academia.

Longwood's historic north core is a place of red bricks and high, white columns; of majestic archways and broad, lush malls. The typical Jeffersonian architecture that has become a staple of Virginia's institutions of higher learning is brought to full glory during October and November, giving our small university a palpable sense of scholarly reflection.

But that sense is slowly slipping away. Longwood is gradually losing her verdant splendor.

The introduction of Brock Commons has turned Blackwell Plaza (the area surrounding the circular fountain behind Grainger) into a harsh web of angled sidewalks. The triangular patches of grass, while, from a design standpoint may seem to incorporate the

verdant with the industrial, seem tacked on as an afterthought. Would it have been such a problem to have a merely straight, normal-width sidewalk to connect the walks behind Lancaster and aside Grainger? And what of the "Y" shaped paths that alternate sides between the buildings? Was it really so vital that students and faculty be spared an extra half step to turn onto these sidewalks?

Between Hiner and the Cunninghams, an oversized pedestrian highway and series of garish, asymmetrical staircases has turned any possible "greening" of the former Pine street into simply a smaller, ecru version of what was.

In some ways, the old asphalt divide between these buildings, relatively flat and long, was preferable, allowing for the occasional tossing around of a football or Frisbee, but no longer. Why could there not have simply been grass laid where the blacktop had been? Were there serious concerns that the sidewalks in front of Hiner

and the Hams would become so overcrowded that whatever new lawn that was created would deteriorate into a muddy, barren mash of impromptu cut-throughs?

Is the giant "X" near the bottom of the hill that was once Madison street truly necessary? Could not a straight continuation of the sidewalk behind Coyner be just as efficient? And what is the use of two sidewalks, not more than a foot apart, in front of the entrance to Willet Hall (Lancer gym), when, just yards later, students are having to make a small path through the grass to maneuver around the foot-wide sidewalk that pathetically inches around the columns of Hull?

And what of the sidewalks behind Lankford? Although Brock Commons was the most inconvenient during its construction, the large concrete...patio? behind the student union and the spider web of side-

walks that slice across Stubbs lawn is the one "improvement" I hear most disparagingly discussed. "Why is it so big," students ask? "Why so bright?" In older photographs I have noticed the single long sidewalk from Stubbs to the union. Two angled sidewalks would have been a help, but six?

I wonder, with a campus as small as ours, with little green space, would we not want to preserve every inch of grass, every large, ancient tree?

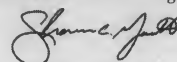
It seems the planners have attempted to anticipate every conceivable, every remotely possible path someone might take across campus and provide them with a sidewalk twice the usual width. And why are they so wide? It is difficult not to imagine these oversized paths as a kind of metaphor for the gluttonous, bigger-is-better mindset of the stereotypical

American.

Although pedestrians, it might seem, have more influence on where sidewalks are placed, I submit that it is the sidewalks themselves that determine where individuals will walk. The northern end of campus, with so few paths and so much green, is a perfect example.

When planning future construction, I recommend we look to the wide green, and narrow walkways that stretch from French to the new science building along the front of campus. I ask we consider the success of the broad mall behind Lancaster.

How about, instead of a little grass with our sidewalks, we have a sidewalk or two with our grass?



Shawn Garrett
News Editor

Response to Trevor Kroger's Letter to the Editor

Mr. Kroger,

First off, I would like to say that if my word choice when voicing my opinion on partial birth abortion offended you, then I apologize for the fact that you were offended. However, I used the diction that I did because it best expressed my opinion on the matter, and that is why my piece was in the opinion section of the paper.

Second, never in my article did I comment on the current laws for partial-birth abortion or the health exceptions that are made.

My entire opinion piece was a "what-if" scenario as seen from my point of view, not based on fact as of 11-4-04. If you reread the first line of the article it states, "My fears are that if he is elected, John Kerry will play God."

It was my worry that the partial-birth abortion laws would get lenient and misused under the command of John Kerry, and that he would attempt to do all of the things stated in the piece.

The purpose of the article was to "predict" the worst that would happen if John Kerry had indeed been elected, and while no one can tell the future, everything that I used in my piece, including the part on partial-birth abortion, was based on the platform that Kerry presented.

Third of all, since you want to talk misrepresentations of fact, The Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2002 (also known as H.R.

4965) describes in detail the procedure for partial-birth abortions.

Directly from the Congressional definition, I quote, "As defined in the act: the term 'partial-birth abortion' means an abortion in which (A) the person performing the abortion deliberately and intentionally vaginally delivers a living fetus until, in the case of a head-first presentation, the entire fetal head is outside the body of the mother, or, in the case of breech presentation, any part of the fetal trunk past the navel is outside the body of the mother for the purpose of performing an overt act that the person knows will kill the partially delivered living fetus; and (B) performs the overt act, other than completion of delivery, that kills the partially delivered living fetus; Partial-Birth Abortion includes but is not limited to D&X performed on live fetuses.

"It would also include a procedure used in China where formaldehyde is injected into the baby's brain through its fontanel (soft spot), after the head has been delivered, in order to kill it prior to completing the delivery.

"It does not prohibit medical abortions, D&C with suction, or D&E procedures. It would not cover Induction unless the physician intentionally intervened during the delivery portion of the procedure and killed the fetus after it had been "partially born."

"It would not cover a D&X on a dead fetus nor would it cover the accidental death of baby during the normal birth process."

Here is another fact for you, and again I quote, "In D&X, the fetus is still alive when everything but the head is delivered into the vagina, but then dies when the head is crushed or the brains are suctioned."

As evident above, The Partial Ban Act of 2002, which was what I was afraid would be dissolved under John Kerry, does not ban the use of these procedures when the fetus is already dead, as you incorrectly implied in your letter.

There are also exceptions made for those instances when this type of procedure is absolutely necessary to save the life of the mother. Once more I quote, "The ban on partial-birth abortion would not endanger a woman's health because it isn't medically necessary and there are standard alternative methods available at every gestational age. There's also an exception if her life is truly threatened."

All of the fact that I addressed in my letter can be found at: <http://commdocs.house.gov/committees/judiciary/hju80553.00/hju80553.0f.htm> and I suggest you take a look at those facts if you wish to better understand my opinion.

-Bobbi Thibo

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Marriage Is Not Purely Religious

Jacob Turpin
Student Writer

How is Marriage purely Religious?

I must say that I am quite displeased with an article in the latest edition of *The Rotunda*.

In "Marriage is Purely Religious," Patrick Sullivan, your "Sports Editor" decided to rant about a topic that he obviously doesn't know the first thing about.

Just by looking at the title of the article, one can assume the lack of validity it merits within.

The article states that two same-sex adults can exchange oaths of loyalty and love equipped with matching rings "without having to sign a marriage certificate."

The process of marriage

has been an institution held within the sanctity of a religious setting long before this country was founded.

However, the United States government has since then adopted the practice and made marriage available to Christians and Pagans alike.

If marriage is "purely" religious, then why would a non-Christian go through all the trouble?

The fact of the matter is that the practice of marriage boils down to one thing; taxes.

By signing a legally binding document, a couple can receive more tax breaks than simply promising "your undying and everlasting love to one another" as Patrick Sullivan put it.

The issue isn't religion; it's a separation of church and state.

In the states of Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Michigan,

Mississippi, Montana, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, and Utah, the government is allowing the majority to bully the minority around.

Voters were quick to ban gay marriage based on personal religious beliefs and did not look at the legality of such an amendment.

When will this country that I live in realize that freedom does not mean the freedom to persecute a minority?

As a straight Christian male, I've learned to tolerate people of all walks of life.

Coming from a rural setting in the "Bible belt" of the country, I have seen ignorance and what prejudices can do to an individual.

This land of the free cannot and should not deprive two individuals their right to a legally binding marriage and the benefits that come with such a union.

ents arrange your marriage because of land and property owned by another family.

Do you know how many tax cuts there are for married couples in America?

Do you understand that if my partner is being rushed to the hospital I cannot ride in the ambulance and she may die while I am not at her side?

Do you realize that civil unions are not equality?

It's like we're using "separate but equal" all over again.

Nothing divided can stand for equality.

So it's not a big deal to you Patrick?

I can see how it wouldn't be; you ended your article writing that "One persons opinions, especially on something as solemn as marriage should never be forced on another person," yet you forced yours on me.

Everyone that went to the polls in those eleven states and voted against my rights are forcing their

opinion on me.

You tried to teach to me about democracy.

It only works when you get what you want.

Don't you dare believe that.

Trying to amend the constitution to exclude me is not democracy.

Democracy would say that it's ridiculous to try.

Democracy would say that equality is important.

It's not like that one piece of paper is going to make or break a relationship. You wrote, "but it can make or break my life with another person."

It can give me the right to be at their side in an emergency, and it can give her the right to be at mine.

Getting that paper means I don't have to die alone with someone who loves me in the waiting room.

We can still wear "matching wedding bands."

Thanks Patrick.

I'll go buy those right now.

A "wedding band," without a

props and drops

The Rotunda would like to encourage anyone and everyone to submit props and drops to rotunda@longwood.edu

Props:

- + To the reading Monday night in the Java Hut.
- + To on-sale Halloween candy.
- + To Scott turning 23.
- + To Mary-Carrol Hackett as your advisor.
- + To the Charlottesville City Council for standing up against the Affirmation of Marriage Act.

Drops:

- To spilling coffee on your shirt 4 times in one day.
- To blatant lies about smoking on Brock Commons.
- To running out of cafe dollars on your card.
- To not standing behind your own opinions.
- To one thousand orange flags.

Speak Out

Do you think that Brock Commons should be smoke-free, why or why not?



No, I don't think there should be smoking on Brock Commons. You can smoke anywhere else on campus and it would be nice to have a place that's not covered in cigarette butts. But that's just me.

-Alicia Raymond
Sophomore

If I am within the legal smoking age of 18, I should be able to smoke anywhere on campus. It makes no sense why people can smoke outside Frazier, Wynne, or Wygal, but not on Brock Commons on the way to class.

-Slavo Zolotovskiy
Senior



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wedding means so much.

You mentioned finding a church that would perform the ceremony for my partner and I, and even though the government would still treat me as a second-class citizen, it would be "sacred"?

I guess that all men are created "equal" really means that we can live and die beside one another, but what happens in the middle is just plan unfair.

We are created equal but we don't treat one another as equals, and now the government we live in is embracing the spread and

amending of the constitution to permanently make me lesser than you Patrick, simply because you were born heterosexual.

Congratulations.

I am extremely disappointed in *The Rotunda's* publishing of this article in the Activist.

If there were another section in the paper for regular opinionated guest columns, sure, print it there.

But in a section set aside and designed for articles about fairness and injustice; printing this is deceptive to your readers.

Name Withheld
Student Writer

I read the Activist because it calls itself an outlet for battling social injustice, but I feel that *The Rotunda* seriously needs to change its claims.

It is extremely misleading.

The only thing you are doing about societal evils is spreading them.

How is one male student being okay with me not getting the opportunity to marry battling social injustice?

He is the one who is unjust.

He is the problem for millions of Americans.

His mentality is what went out to the polls this past election and voted against my right to equality.

Marriage is not just religious anymore.

It has never really been strictly religious in the first place.

Imagine living in another country and having your par-

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Clarke Hogan, Republican 60th District representative in the House of Delegates, and Dr. Geoffroy de Laforcade, assistant professor of History here at Longwood.

The three member panel, moderated by Dr. Cole, assistant pro-

fessor of Political Science, was given twenty minutes each to give their own unique insights to the recent elections from the standpoint of their particular party, or, in the case of Dr. Laforcade, from the perspective of the international community.

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Brenda, a Farmville native, began working at Longwood Library in June 1973 after attending Central Virginia Community College in Lynchburg. She was the administrative assistant to the director of Public Relations from 1982 to 1994.

She was director of events and ceremonies in the University Advancement office in 1995-96, and then performed the same job in the president's office from 1996 through December 2002 when she assumed her position as Director of Conferences, Scheduling, and Special Events.

Brenda lives in Farmville with her husband, Donnie Ferguson. They have two grown children, Randy and Ashley.

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As of the 2003-2004 school year, all buildings on campus were designated smoke free.

Poore-Bowman attributed the low rate of smokers to the increasing regulations. "What we have seen in the last five years," she said, "is a significant drop in the number of smokers on campus."

Between 11pm Tuesday night and 1am Wednesday morning, volunteers placed nearly 1000 small orange flags along sidewalks and lawns, even above the brick wall in front of the Cummings, in an effort to mark the sometimes misunderstood boundaries of Brock Commons.

The flags, reminiscent of construction flags often used to mark underground pipes or wiring, outlined the entire perimeter of the Commons, which stretches from High street between Grainger and Lancaster, South along what was formerly Pine street to

Franklin Street. The Commons also includes the new green space along Madison street.

The banners, which read "No Smoking on Brock Commons," were placed on the small section of colonnades opposite the pavilion, and on a tree adjacent to the tennis courts. A third banner between Hiner and the Cummings had been reportedly stolen by 9am Wednesday morning.

Longwood's policies toward smoking are "pretty progressive for Virginia," said Bowman, who added that few state institutions take the threat as seriously as Longwood does.

"I've spent an awful lot of time walking up and down Brock Commons saying, 'no smoking, no smoking, no smoking,'" said Wellness Center Family Nurse Practitioner Beth Poore-Bowman. "We wanted to make sure students got the message."

Congress Considers Education Agenda

U-Wire

Fresh from an election victory and bolstered by a reinforced Republican majority in Congress, President Bush is prepared to enact a higher education agenda that could leave his mark on American colleges and universities for years to come.

The Bush administration's proposed policies, which congressional officials say will be considered soon after the new Congress convenes in early January, include several issues that were hotly contested during the election.

Proposals include funding for student financial aid -- most notably federal Pell grants -- and financial support for profit-based institutions.

Pell grant funding is a top concern of Georgetown administrators, who argue that increasing costs and a government-imposed enrollment cap have pressed the university into increasing tuition to make up for reduced federal aid. Officials say that Georgetown, with its relatively small endowment, is more dependent on federal aid than other comparable universities.

Although funding for Pell

grants has increased by \$3.2 billion over the past three years, the maximum authorized grant has remained frozen at \$4,050 per student, largely due to a significant increase in the number of students eligible to receive Pell funding. In the first three years of Bush's term, the number of students receiving Pell grants rose by over one million, to 5.3 million.

President Bush has asked Congress for an almost \$1 billion increase in the program during the next fiscal year, a change that would bring the total Pell budget to \$12.9 billion.

Scott Fleming (SFS '72), assistant to the president for federal relations, said Georgetown strongly supports increases in Pell grant funding. He raised concerns about two Bush administration initiatives to distribute "targeted" grant funding to students specializing in math and science courses and students who have taken challenging courses in high school.

"We would be better served in making those funds available across the board," Fleming said.

Georgetown officials said they are also concerned with what they believe is the Bush administra-

tion's emphasis on primary and secondary education funding, causing less attention to be focused on higher education needs.

Fleming criticized Congress' characterization of higher education appropriations as a "zero-sum game," in which the amount of funding given out each year is kept constant. In a time of record tuition levels, record attendance at colleges and universities and an increasing need for an educated population, federal funding for higher education is more necessary than ever, Fleming said.

"I think it's very unfortunate that there hasn't been a way to find additional resources," he said.

Government professor Clyde Wilcox said that discussion of a broad mandate for the president to enact his higher education agenda is premature given the closeness of the election.

"Bush can claim a mandate, but it was a close election so he can't claim it on everything," Wilcox said. "That is, he can't expect to get his way on all issues, and I would guess that the [higher education] issues ... would be lower down his list."

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The panelists then took questions from the audience.

Reynolds, the democratic representative, focused largely on the need for what she called "national soul searching" within the democratic party to figure out what mistakes led to John Kerry's defeat earlier this month and how to fix them and move on.

She mentioned Kerry's seeming inability to connect with voters as a major stumbling block of his campaign, though added Kerry had been innovative in what she referred to as "porch visits," where, instead of going door to door, Kerry chose a single home within a community and invited all the neighbors over to discuss the issues.

Although the Democrats lost Virginia in 2004, Reynolds pointed to a strong and growing base within the state.

"I thought Bush was going to lose this election," said Delegate Hogan in a surprising admission. With the war in Iraq, which Hogan described as "troublesome at best" and the largest national deficit in history, Hogan said that

many in the Republican Party "saw the President as vulnerable."

"This is not a recipe for success," said Hogan.

Hogan added that he did not see the election as a mandate, or as "a seed of change in the American consciousness."

To Bush's credit, however, Hogan said the Republicans were able to steer clear of focusing too closely on the common needs and beliefs of specific demographics, which he said the Democrats did all too often.

Dr. Laforcade said that Bush's victory is seen as a clear victory for the hawks in U.S. foreign policy.

"Japan and China were both desperately rooting for Bush," said Laforcade because of their dependence on trade with America. Other allies include Australia, Italy, Columbia and Mexico, as well as the usual Great Britain and Israel.

Interestingly, though the majority of South American nations are left leaning, according to Laforcade, only Cuban Dictator Fidel Castro openly supported a Kerry-Edwards Ticket.

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The administration has proposed several measures that would make it easier for proprietary institutions to receive federal aid. The proposals have stoked fears among Georgetown administrators that for-profit institutions could begin competing for a fixed amount of federal aid, possibly reducing the university's share of federal funds, Fleming said.

"If we now add a whole new slew of institutions that are eligible for a piece of the pie, and we aren't growing the pie, it's going to come right out of our hides," he said.

The Bush administration's tax proposals, however, have won support from several higher education groups. The White House's tax package currently includes provisions that would make permanent certain benefits, such as allowing graduates to deduct interest paid on student loans from their federal income taxes, and creating incentives for investing in a federal college savings account.

Fleming said that the administration had lobbied particularly

strongly for a plan to introduce charitable Individual Retirement Arrangement rollovers, which would allow individuals over a certain age to donate their IRAs as charitable gifts without suffering tax penalties.

Georgetown administrators have estimated that the university could receive approximately \$20 million from alumni IRA donations if the proposal is adopted, Fleming said. The plan is part of Bush's faith-based initiative and has attracted broad support in Congress. Many faculty members were concerned, however, with the possibility that Republicans in Congress could act on the "academic bill of rights" proposal, a measure backed by some conservatives that would require colleges and universities not to consider political beliefs in their hiring and tenure decisions.

The proposal would also require institutions to invite speakers to campus and structure courses and curricula in a manner that would attempt to give both sides of contentious political issues equal time on campus.

"We might need a particle physicist who is liberal and a

string theory mathematician who is conservative," Wilcox said. "[That] would make hiring quite an interesting challenge. Or how about ignoring ideology and focusing on issues, so we would need lots of creationist biologists, and some flat earth geologists, and lots of Muslims and Buddhists in religion departments."

Kelsey Pristach (SFS '07) said she was confident in Bush's ability to enact an agenda beneficial to students and faculty alike.

"If there's a budget deficit, I think it's more important to fund financial aid than fund research," Pristach said. "Overall, I do have confidence that the Republicans can effectively manage higher education policy."

Some students were less confident in their assessments of Congress' ability to craft a broad-based plan for colleges and universities.

"I'm not optimistic about increases across the board or really in any significant increases in funding for higher education," Will Wagner (SFS '07) said. "You can't give money that you don't have."

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By: Ellie Woodruff

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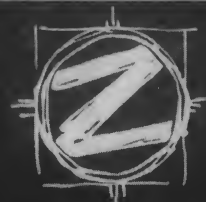
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The World Has Turned and Left Me Here

Mandy Amason
Staff Writer

Dear Mandy,

I really need some honest advice, and I really think you are the one to give it to me.

I have been with someone for a few months, and as much as I would like for things to work out with him, I just can't see it happening; though I do want to give him a chance. I love him, and doesn't everyone deserve a chance?

He is a really great guy, but his friends hate me and make me feel like crap whenever I'm around them. My boyfriend doesn't stand up for me, but I think it is because he just wants to stay neutral and not rock the boat between everyone. It's when we are alone that his true self comes out, and that's what makes me really love him. He is sweet to me and takes me out a lot.

A lot of my friends don't talk to me anymore, because they say I have changed since being with him. But I think they are jealous because we are so happy.

I don't know... What should I do?
C.C.

Dear C.C.,

So your friends are jealous because you guys are so happy? Honey, if you were happy, you wouldn't be writing me, now would you?

I have been in the same boat as you. I dated a guy who was my best friend in the entire world. He was perfect and really nice.

His good friends liked me and treated me with respect. We dated for two years, and then something happened. He started to hang out with the wrong people and, unfortunately, he called them his friends.

I hated these friends. But I stood by him and put up with all their crap. To make an extremely long story short, his wonderful friends decided it would be great to get in my face and try to bring me down. Do you know what my nice, wonderful, and perfect boyfriend did? He stood there and watched, not saying a word.

So here is my advice:

WALK AWAY.

By doing that, you will be walking away with your dignity and heart. It might hurt for a really long time, and it might hurt even more when you think he has moved on, but you know what? You still have you.

I looked my ex right in the eye and told him it was done and walked away. It was honestly the hardest thing I have EVER had to do.

Here is the problem: we as women make up many excuses for the guys we love.

HE WILL ALWAYS PICK HIS FRIENDS ABOVE YOU.

I mean, wouldn't you? Oh wait, no, you didn't. You ditched some great friends who are looking out for you over a guy that

could give two craps about you. Talk about sacrifice. Way to go with that one. My advice is to leave that guy in the cold.

If he doesn't have the balls to stand up for the one he "loves" then what makes you think he ever will?

NEVER GO BACK.

Does he deserve another chance: hell no - in my opinion, he already had his. You can not always change someone. Don't offer him that chance. That lets guys think that it's okay to do that to you, and they will keep on screwing you over.

Be strong and surround yourself with the right people, and they will get you through. Raise your standards.

I read this book, and it is the best thing you will ever read. It even told me stuff that I needed to hear. It's called *He's Just Not Into You*. I would suggest it to everyone who is having this problem. Go out and get it; it is the best thing you can do for yourself.

Remember, it is all about you. Make it about you always and you won't fail yourself.

Until next time, boys and girls,
Mandy Amason

*If you would like to write to Mandy for some advice, please email the Rotunda at rotunda@longwood.com and in the subject as **ADVICE COLUMN QUESTION**. Thanks!*

Shawn's Cooking for College Quick and Cheap Meals for College Students VEGETARIAN TORTILLA FIESTA

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Salsa of your choice
Organic sour cream, soy yogurt, or plain low-fat yogurt
Diced tomatoes - Shredded lettuce

Optional:

Quick-cooking brown rice, cooked with a vegetable bouillon cube
Black Olives

Cooking instructions

- *Cook some quick brown rice according to package directions
- *Warm the refried beans in a saucepan with a little water to loosen
- *Add salsa, cheese, sour cream, diced tomatoes and lettuce as desired

These tips are from the author of *He's Just Not Into You*, by Mandy Amason. The book is available at the Rotunda. The author is a staff writer for the Longwood University newspaper, the *Longwood Press*. She is also a member of the Longwood University Student Body.

Carpe Diem

A year ago, after leaving work at the Cafe, I walked down the hill by the Dining Hall on an early-darkened evening caused by a steady, thick snowfall.

A flag football game ensued under the tall lights on the field behind the D-Hall. The back-lit, rapidly-falling snowfall and muted, shadowy movements of the players made a spellbinding, unforgettable scene.

Ed, the Coffee Guy

Life Abroad: The Ghana Journals

This year, as most years, Longwood University has students who have chosen to study abroad through the International Studies program. Through out the next several months one of these students, Katie Harrison, a Junior Anthropology major, will be sharing some of her experiences in day to day life and her academic life while she is studying in Ghana on the west African coast.

3 November 2004

Wednesday afternoon we arrived at the STC bus station at noon and waited past 2:00 when the bus was supposed to leave, and finally left Accra around 4:00.

I'm getting quite used to the absence of being on time here.

The bus only took about 22 hours to reach Ouagadougou, where we got a hotel and crashed for the night.

Friday morning we walked to what we thought was the bus station to catch a bus to Ouigaha (sp).

But it turned out that it was closed, and so we had some random guy walk us to the newer bus station, which took about an hour and a half! We ended up walked clear across the other side of the city.

We caught the bus though, and got to Ouigaha around 3:00 in the afternoon. Once we got there, Nozomi and I started asking people where a hotel was, but since neither of us spoke French, we didn't get very far.

We happened to find the owner of the Hotel Dunda who spoke a little English and had someone drive us to the hotel. It was a really nice hotel run by a Syrian couple and their two kids.

The power went off during

the night, and without a fan the room was like a furnace. Saturday morning, we caught the bus to Koro in Mali, which wasn't so bad.

There was a lot of dust, but other than that the ride was pretty nice.

After all of the boarder crossing stops we had to make, we arrived in Koro around 4:00 in the afternoon.

I still don't understand the point of stopping at customs so they can check everything then load it back on the bus, only to stop half a mile down the road for immigration.

In Koro we met our tour guide for the Dogon Country. His name was Omar, and he was absolutely the best guide ever!

There was a Slyvanian couple, Mathais and Ana, who we met at the Hotel Dunda who trekked through the Dogon Country with us, and they had a friend who recommended our tour guide be Omar.

After we figured out how long we all wanted to trek through Dogon Country, we all piled in a beat-up station wagon which Malians call taxis, and headed to Bankass. In Bankass, we slept on the roof of Omar's brother's hotel. It was amazing!

The sky was filled with bright stars and the sounds of the village were unreal.

My Fifth Year: A Classic Freshman Story, Part II

Lee French
Staff Writer

The next thing we know the police arrive and start pushing everyone back.

Then the fire alarms go off. First in the Colonnades, then the Cunninghams and then in every other residence hall because apparently gas lines were said to interconnect every building on campus.

Suddenly, there was this mass exodus of every student at Longwood pouring out into the streets. Meanwhile, that small fire on the roof of Grainger really wasn't all that small anymore. I think it would be much better described now as quite large.

Still no fire trucks. I was fortunate enough to have left the building wearing shoes with my keys in one pocket and my wallet in the other. This is more than I could say for a lot of the confused, panicked, and barefoot fellow students around me. But my car! My car is parked on Tabb Circle.

And even worse than that my bike was sitting in the handicap shower with its front wheel off, standing upright on its fork after

an exceptionally filthy ride earlier that afternoon out at Hampden-Sydney. I did pause for a moment then and seriously consider dashing back inside for a hot second to snag her (no pun intended).

The rapidly deteriorating circumstances of the evening did prompt me to take action, deducing that there were probably better places for this vehicle to sleep tonight. Plus, for crying out loud, where on god's green earth were the fire trucks?!

So hell yeah I ran back; it's not like I was going inside. I guess I can see how all those people that were yelling at me might have thought that but no. Man, I remember hearing this one girl shouting, "no Lee don't do it! Don't go back inside; it's not worth it!" Calm down now; I'm just getting my car.

This place was turning to a giant mess fast. I just wanted to get out of there, so I drove to Par-bills to call my parents. What a great phone call that was. Hi son, how are you doing? "Oh

I'm fine." Anything new happening at Longwood? "Well the schools burning down right now." That's nice son, have you

thanking my lucky f@#\$ing stars that the good lord decided to rain hellfire and brimstone upon Farmville tonight. Quite the cynic, but he sure wasn't wrong. That fire scrapped the entire last two weeks of school and all the exams and research papers associated with it. For the first time in my life, inexcusable procrastination appeared to have paid off.

It really wasn't until I had wrapped up my conversation with the 'rents and turned around to face the school, that it all began to sink in.

Next time you're up at Par-bills in the evening turn and face the campus from the store front near the pay phone and try to envision what it would look like to see the entire horizon engulfed in orange with smoke just billowing into the night sky.

I just stood there feeling so small and simple for joking about my grades and classes and all that, when in reality this wasn't a joke. This is your school burning to the ground.

Left with really no alternative I reunited with my fellows and assumed the default collegiate position in times of duress, drugs and alcohol. We sat out on the statue across from the Rotunda sipping on our nine parts rum, one part Coke cocktails with front row seats while our buddy haggles with a news reporter over how much he was going to pay him for his video tape he shot of the whole thing (He made \$100, that's not bad).

But the Rotunda was lost, Grainger was lost, and Ruffner was on its way out. It seemed there really was nothing the firemen could do about those buildings. They seemed to be focused on keeping it from spreading by smashing out the roof of Tabb and pumping the better part of the Appomattox River into the building.

At one point someone asked if I lived in one of the buildings. I said that I did and stood up to point out to her which room was mine. "It's that one right down there," I said. "See it, it's right there...where the firemen appear to be dragging hoses through my window." Fabulous. I see a building full of perfectly good windows, why do you pick mine?

Oh well, I wasn't all that attached to any of that stuff anyways, except for my bike of course. I was a little distraught about that, and an overwhelming feeling of guilt that I had left my precious sitting there in the bathroom. My baby might die in there tonight. What would I tell my friends and family? That I had just sat there and did nothing while she burnt inside? Fortunately, I hadn't been drinking when it had come time to make that judgment call.

The firemen ended up saving most of Ruffner and Tabb. The Gary Fisher was in bad shape but nothing a \$200 overhaul didn't fix courtesy of an insurance claim god-send from heaven that I would continue to benefit from for several years to come afterwards. It sure did make moving out a snap though.

We didn't get to actually go back into the building for about another month or so, and even then most of the stuff in my room that wasn't trashed by firemen, smoke or water, oh wait that would be everything in my room, that's right, never mind. But it's just stuff. Really, that's all it was.

The most important thing was that not one person was injured throughout the entire ordeal and wow, what a story to tell.

I think perhaps the most awe-inspiring and humbling moment of the entire evening would be when the dome of the Rotunda finally collapsed, and in its place this tremendous burst of flame followed by the thundering crash of the dome smashing into the ground floor.

Everyone on the street just fell silent witnessing history with a grim and sadistic overtone. But I was drunk, so I was probably peeing in a bush or something.



The 2001
Rotunda Fire

Reprinted from The Farmville Herald

been drinking tonight. "No really I swear, turn on the news or something." Then Mom freaks out, like I guess all good moms probably would and should do.

She actually wanted to drive down and come find me. I'm like, Mother, do you realize that every single student is homeless right now, just like Homeless Rob? How on earth do you expect to find me?

Dad was much more apathetic and pointed out that based on my mid-semester grades I should be

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Professor Profile: Dr. Brett Hursey, Teacher and Poet

Sarah-Tyler Moore
Staff Writer

"I am interested in [students] succeeding, but I'm more interested in making them aware that they need to be concerned about their success - students have to have the desire to be motivated in the first place," said Dr. Brett Hursey.

Hursey, with a PhD in Creative Writing and Contemporary British and American Literature, is one of the newest additions to the English and Modern Language Department.

Dr. Hursey's resume, no doubt, is quite extensive and diverse. Prior to his lectureship in English and Modern Languages, he taught at East Carolina University for seven years.

Hursey attended East Carolina University for his undergraduate study, New Brunswick University in Canada for his Master's work, and finally he received his PhD at Oklahoma State University.

Dr. Hursey's decision to study English was perhaps an unconventional one, "I knew I

wanted to be a writer since I had flunked out of college at ECU in my freshman year, [and] when I came back I already knew what I wanted to do. [I wanted to pursue] something I loved instead of something that would make a lot of money. For my own personality I decided to go into the creative writing end of [English]," he said.

In addition to Dr. Hursey's degree study work, his background and outside publication are also impressive. When Hursey was growing up he was very involved in acting and the-

ater, and as he got older he decided he favored playwrighting more because he got to play

can be successful in types of writing I haven't tried before. I think that's important for any type of writer."

What other types of writing, excluding plays, can Hursey add to his list? He has published three full length poetry books, two chapterbooks, 150 separate poems, and approximately 100 journals across the United States and Canada.

Although Hursey admits he is more partial to writing poetry merely because of time constraints, and wishes he had more time to write plays.

He has written two full-length plays that have been acted out over six times, one of which,

"Figment" was performed on Broadway in 1992.

Hursey, as every good English professor should, has a passion for writing and reading.

"In my field it's indispensable. In order to do your job, you have to write, you have to read. I think sometimes students that are not English majors fail to understand that having a diverse background through literature allows you to experience a lot of things you do not get to experience in your every day life."

Among his passions, is the urge to push his students to care about their own success in writing.

"I take a lot of pride and personal satisfaction in the success of my students [especially] in creative writing; if they are successful I feel like I've done a great job. I may have pointed them in the direction where they can be successful," said Hursey.

To learn and experience more with Dr. Hursey, he will be teaching Introduction to Fiction, English 400, and English 203 next semester.



Hursey stands at the Pie Your Professor booth at this year's Oktoberfest.
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all the parts as a writer."

Hursey, motivates himself to try other forms of writing, "Outside of the classroom I'm always trying to push myself to stretch my own abilities as a writer and develop abilities I don't naturally have, to see if I

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Men's Basketball Looking Forward to NYC Opener

Patrick Sullivan
Sports Editor

Although "disappointment" best describes last year's basketball season after posting a dismal 5 - 22 record. However this year's upcoming word could become "optimistic" as Longwood's 'Big Three' of sophomores Mike Jefferson, Husein Pistoljevich, and Maurice Sumter, who all started the majority of last year's games, and coach Mike Gillian's second Longwood recruiting class. Gillian is confident in the Lancer's ability to improve in his second year as head coach. "My expectations are for us to contin-

ue to improve," Gillian said. "If we follow our system, the results will take care of themselves." Ready to put last season behind them Gillian said, "The only thing we can take from last year is how Husein, Mike, and Maurice learned the system."

Last year, Jefferson established himself as the Lancers top scoring threat, leading the team with an average 15.1 points a game with a season high of 28 points against Saint Augustine. "He is capable of affecting the game in many different ways. Mike is coming off a superb freshman year in which he not

only scored effectively but improved a great deal defensively and as an all-around player," Gillian said according to a press release.

Stretching opposing teams perimeters will be Longwood's record breaking guard, Pistoljevich. Establishing himself as Longwood's premier long-distance threat, Pistoljevich lead the team last year in three pointers, sinking 65. He also broke the Longwood record for three pointers in a single game with nine against #23 Virginia Union. Pistoljevich said he wants to, "Do it the right way. Obviously, win and just try to progress in school and on the court. Since we have a young team, I want to help the young guys on and off the court."

Sumter led the team last year with rebounds (145), blocks (35), and steals (37). He also has the highest shooting percentage of

all the returning starters. "Maurice is a fantastic multi-dimensional player," Gillian said in a press release, "This season, he will have the opportunity to utilize his talents in playing primarily his natural position, small forward."

The young Longwood team will be leaning strongly on their 'Big Three' for not only scoring but also leadership. "It's really important because we're the most experienced guys on the team. Hopefully, we can teach them how to compete at the Division I level," said Pistoljevich.

Another returning sophomore who is expected to contribute as far as leadership and a starting role is Leland Beale who averaged 5.8 points and 3.5 rebounds in 15 games last year. At 6-8 and 250 pounds, Beale looks more like he should be a defensive end for Florida State than a starting

foward but according to a press release by Gillian, "(Beale) has very good basketball skills and is a fine athlete for his size."

Comprised of six freshmen, eight sophomores and one transfer junior, the Lancers will have to mesh quickly in order to compete in probably Longwood's toughest schedule ever. With the exception of rival Hampden-Sydney, all the teams Longwood faces this year are Division I. Longwood will face two pre-season Coaches Poll Top 5 teams, #5 Illinois and #2 Wake Forest. "It's going to be exciting to play some of the major schools like Illinois, Cincinnati, and Wake Forest. It's going to make our team better playing these opponents because you try to be like them because they are the best of the best," Pistoljevich said.

Longwood will begin their season Friday as they travel to New York

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Lancers Lunatics Gone Crazy

Kyle Martin
Staff Writer

The athletics department seeks to increase student turnout and create crazy basketball fans at both the men and women's basketball games this season with their new 'Lancer Lunatics' program. Assistant Athletic Director/Development Mike Mitchell is responsible for the instatement of the program.

"One of the thoughts I have from a marketing and promoting standpoint of the basketball programs is to get the students more involved in attending basketball games," Mitchell said. To achieve the goal of increasing attendance, incentives for students will be the focal point of the program.

Mitchell notes that the incentive program will rely on a points system and create competition between residence halls. "You receive points for your attendance including one point per men's game, 10 points per women's game, and 10 points for being a 'super fan,'" Mitchell said. According to Mitchell, 'super fan' activities that include willbody painting and bringing banners to the games.

To participate, students will sign in on a sheet for their residence hall before each game and students will be able to access the point standings at <http://www.longwoodlancers.com>. As a result of their atten-

dance, "The first 100 students who attend 10 or more games will receive free t-shirts and become inaugural members of the 'Lancer Lunatic' student section," Mitchell said.

In addition to individual rewards, the most supportive residence hall will receive a benefit as well. Mitchell stated, "At the end of the year, the residence hall with the most points wins, and the students from that residence hall who have attended 12 or more games will receive a cookout pool party courtesy of Aramark, Longwood Basketball, and Sunchase Apartments and will be eligible for (additional) prizes."

Sophomore Resident Assistant (RA) Emily Gratzke is supportive of the program. "I think it's a really good idea because it'll get the students out and get them more involved in the school and the athletic department. Gratzke also sees the program advantageous for freshmen. "Instead of having them out partying on a Friday night, they can go to a basketball game and they get rewarded for that," RA Gratzke said.

"I challenge every student to pack that student section every single game. The goal is to have the student section packed for men's and women's basketball games because the excitement comes from the students and we want to entice them to come here," Mike Mitchell said.

Basketball Teams Going into Bobcat Country

Sports Information

Longwood University assistant athletics director for development Mike Mitchell has announced an agreement for Lancer men's and women's basketball games to be broadcast this season on Blackstone radio stations, Bobcat Country, WBBC 93.5 FM and ESPN, WKLV 1440 AM. The broadcasts will include 21 men's contests during the upcoming year, along with seven women's contests, and all 28 broadcasts will be available worldwide via the Internet as well at Longwood Athletics website, www.longwoodlancers.com.

"It was important for us to be able to carry as many women's and men's basketball games as possible this season," explained Mitchell. "Both teams have tough but exciting road schedules and this will allow us to bring those games to our fans. WBBC and WKLV are very strong stations in this region and after they carried our games last season, give us a familiar and welcome home this season."

Bobcat Country and WKLV are owned and operated by Denbar Communications, Inc. and the Bobcat is a 25,000 watt FM station that reaches east from

Farmville to Richmond, west to Appomattox, north to Goochland County, and south from Farmville to the North Carolina border. WKLV, ESPN is a 5,000 watt AM station.

"We're very excited about our relationship with the Longwood Lancers this year, and with the addition of seven women's games," said Dennis Royer Sr., President of Denbar Communications, Inc. "We look forward to a long relationship with the University."

The 21 men's scheduled game broadcasts highlighted by: Hampden-Sydney (Nov. 29), Howard (Dec. 4, WKLV), UC Davis or Saint Joseph's (Dec. 11,

WKLV), #5 Illinois (Dec. 27, WKLV), Cincinnati (Dec. 30, WKLV), and #2 Wake Forest (Feb. 23). Handling the play-by-play for the men's broadcasts will be Jon Schaeffer, director of broadcasting and voice of the Lynchburg Hillcats, the Class A affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

The seven women's scheduled game broadcasts include the following contests: UNC-Wilmington (Nov. 26), Norfolk State or St. John's (Nov. 27), West Virginia (Dec. 1), George Mason (Dec. 21), Kentucky (Jan. 4), Liberty (Jan. 20), and Southern Virginia (Feb. 26, WKLV). Handling the play-by-play for the women's broadcasts will be Mike Mitchell.

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NFL REPORT: Scores Settled In Week Ten

Patrick Sullivan
Sports Editor

The Jets and the Ravens both reside in second place in their respective divisions, trailing two of the hottest teams in football. The Jets headed into this week one game behind the Patriots, and the Ravens trail the team with longest active win streak in the NFL; the Steelers, by two games. Neither team could afford to sacrifice a potential win if they were to have any chance of claiming the title of divisional champions and a home game in the play-offs. However, the Jets headed into this game without the greatest offensive weapon, quarterback Chad Pennington. While his replacement, ex-Cowboy Quincy Carter, played decently it was not enough to overcome Baltimore's defense.

New England increased their lead in the AFC East over the Jets to two games by crushing the

Bills. The Steelers were able to hold their lead over the Ravens as they extend their impressive winning-streak to seven straight, after defeating the Browns. The Falcons increased their divisional lead by defeating division opponent, the Buccaneers. The NFC North divisional lead became tied this week as the former second place Packers were able to overcome the high-powered former first place Vikings.

At another meeting of division leaders, the Seahawks were once again upset by the Rams. Super-Bowl runner up, Carolina, doubled their win total this week by defeating the struggling 49ers. Pre-season Super Bowl favorite Kansas City continues their abysmal slide as they lose another game, this week to New Orleans.

The Giants continue on a slide of their own. After starting off the season strong their latest

loss to the Cardinals has Coach Tom Coughlin switching his starting quarterback to rookie Eli Manning. His brother, Payton Manning, devastated the Texans on his way to yet another Colts victory. Another team switching quarterbacks after a demoralizing loss to the Bengals are the Redskins, who have handed the starting job back to Patrick Ramsey. Even without their starting quarterback, Byron Leftwich, the surprising Jaguars were able to put away the upstart Lions.

Player of the Week: Donavon McNabb exposed the Cowboys horrendous passing defense, as he made throwing five touchdowns against them look like child's play in the Eagles win.

Game of the Week: Nothing ends a game more unexpectedly than a safety in overtime. The Bears luck extends another week as they are able to accomplish just that to defeat the Titans.

Trey Deal Named Best Putter in DI Collegiate Golf Rankings

Sports Information

Longwood University senior men's golf standout Trey Deal from Martinsville, Virginia is ranked number one in putting per the GOLFSTAT Division I statistical rankings of November 5. Deal is atop the putts on greens in regulation with his 1.650 average, just ahead of VCU's Daryl Chappell (1.651) and Notre Dame's Shane Sigsbee (1.656). Others ranked among the top 10 include collegiate players from Texas, USC, Augusta State, Louisville, Indiana, and East Tennessee State.

"There's no doubt Trey makes a lot of putts," explained eight year head golhcoach Kevin Fillman. "He'll make a long one

every once in a while, but the key for him is that he makes an extremely high percentage of the putts a high-caliber player expects to make. Trey just believes that every putt he hits is going in, and the vast majority of them do."

Through the fall portion of the 2004-05 schedule, Deal led Longwood with his 73.00 scoring average through 12 rounds of golf, including three rounds in the 60s with a low round of 67. He had two top 20 individual finishes during the fall, including a 14th-place tie at the James Madison Invitational October 9-10 when he fired his collegiate-best 213 (72-67-74).

Longwood will open the

spring season at the Charleston Southern/Spring Kick-Off Classic, Feb. 21-22, at the Coosaw Creek Country Club in North Charleston, South Carolina.

Coach to be on ESPN Radio

Sports Information

Longwood University men's basketball head coach Mike Gillian will be a guest on Sports Radio 910, WRNL's Mike Maniscalco Show this Wednesday, November 17, at 4:05 p.m.. Coach Gillian will join the Richmond AM station's Mike Maniscalco on his daily sports talk show, the capital city's most popular daily sports talk program that airs from 3-7 p.m.. The Lancer men's basketball head coach is scheduled for bi-monthly visits to the daily program, and will be on the show again December 1, also at 4:05 p.m..

"I'm really looking forward to being on the air with Mike Maniscalco on Sports Radio 910 during this upcoming season," said Gillian. "Mike is knowledgeable and energetic, and hosts the most listened to sports drive time show in Richmond and the Central Virginia area."

"This opportunity will allow us to publicize Longwood Basketball and raise the profile of the program while we are doing it. It promises to be entertaining and fun and I can't wait to get it started Wednesday afternoon at 4:05 p.m."

Longwood will open the 2004-

05 campaign this weekend, November 19-20, in New York City with its participation in Columbia Classic hosted by the Ivy League's Columbia University. The Lancers open against Columbia on Friday, Nov. 19, at 7 p.m., and will play either Morehead State or Mount St. Mary's on Saturday, Nov. 20. Longwood will host Big South Conference member Radford University for its home opener next Tuesday, Nov. 23, at 7 p.m. in Willett Hall on-campus in Farmville.

Weekly Trivia

What is the maximum occupancy for Willett Hall Stadium?

Last Week's Answer:
What is Women's Basketball Coach Shirley Duncan's over-all Longwood record?
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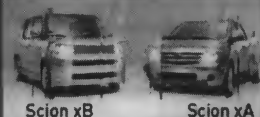
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City for the Columbia Classic held by Ivy League member Columbia. Then the Lancers return home on Tuesday to battle Radford. Also over the winter break the Lancers travel to the Las Vegas Classic with also plays host to #5 Illinois along with Cincinnati, Valparaiso and Northern Iowa. Another tournament will be held in San Francisco and feature Saint Joseph, UC Davis, and host San

Francisco. And finally end their road season against #2 Wake Forest.

Despite the competition, the Lancers continue to remain optimistic about the upcoming season despite the tremendous odds stacked against them. According to freshmen guard Kevin Schneider, "I think we're hungry. We've got heart. We're not the tallest team, but I think our heart makes up for that."

Scion xB By Rudy, Police Photographer



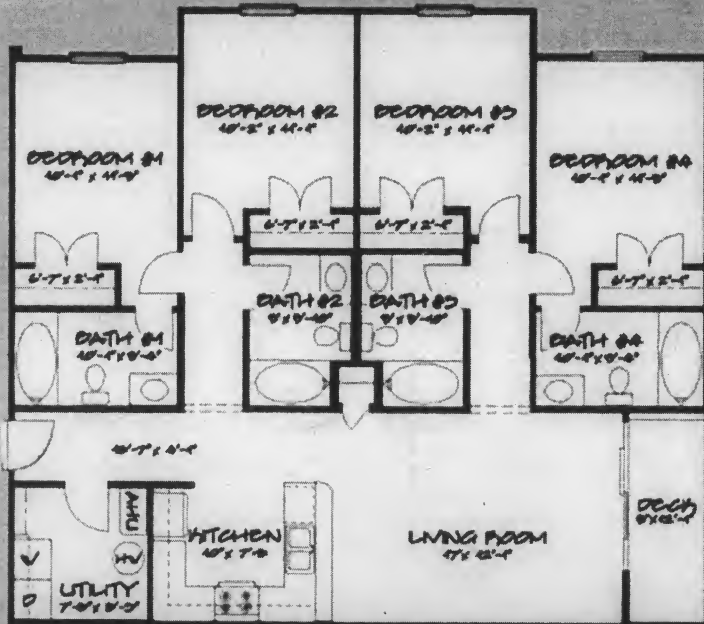
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Inaugural Lancer Invitational Proves Bittersweet for Women's Basketball

Win over Winthrop sobered by loss to Davidson

Kyle Martin
Staff Writer

The Longwood women's basketball team achieved several firsts on November 19 by hosting the inaugural Lancer Invitational.

During the tournament, Longwood played the first home game against a Division I school in the program's history, and they earned their first victory of the season. The two-day tournament featured opponents Winthrop University, Fairleigh Dickinson University, and Davidson College.

On day one of the tournament, Longwood matched up against the Eagles of Winthrop University for a chance to play in the tournament round on day two. Head Coach Shirley Duncan admits that Winthrop's game plan was an unknown.

"To tell you the truth, we didn't know [what to expect] because of the new coach. It's his first year. What we tried to do was find out what his style was and plan for it," Duncan said.

The Lancers adapted well in the first half and took a 6-0 lead with 15:04 remaining in the half. Longwood then went on a 10-3 run against the Eagles, with the defense only allowing 5 points in the first ten minutes of the contest. The Lancers increased their advantage and took a 23-point lead into the break with a 35-12 score.

Longwood finished the first half strong, led by the play of Ashley Mason who had 5 points in the half. Ashley Carey led all scorers for Winthrop and finished the first half with 8 total points. With a huge lead in hand, Longwood turned up the defensive pressure in the second half and capitalized on turnovers.

The Lancers outscored the Eagles in points off of turnovers 12-6 in the half, including Freshman Forward Leigh Mascherin's three-pointer with forty-five seconds remaining. Longwood defeated Winthrop 76-45 with four Lancer starters



Guard Amber Mason (20) goes for a shot against Davidson College.

Photo by Scott Dill

scoring in double figures, led by Senior Forward Merita Meldere's game-high 17 points.

Meldere mentioned that the offensive play was not the only reason the team was successful. "Our defense was what won the game for us," said Meldere.

"We work very hard on defense in practice. Sometimes we don't appreciate the coach's work on defense in practices, but when the game comes, we see that defense is our strength."

The win over Winthrop allowed the Lancers to compete for the title of the Lancer Invitational on November 20 against the Wildcats of Davidson College. However, the superb defensive play that led Longwood to victory cost Longwood a chance to earn back-to-back wins to start the season.

In the first half, Longwood started strong with Junior Guard Jessica Wilkerson's three-pointer to open the game in the first minute. Davidson responded by scoring seven unanswered points to take the lead.

"We'll that's the first time all season we were down early and I was eager to see how we would respond to that," Coach Duncan said.

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Barrueta's Contract Not Renewed

Men's soccer coach let go after second losing season

Shawn Garrett
News Editor

Dave Barrueta is no longer Head Coach of Men's Soccer at Longwood.

According to Director of Athletics Rick Mazzuto, Barrueta left the University on November 19th, 13 days after the Lancers ended a 1-16 season with a 2-3 loss in overtime to Mercer University. It was the second losing season of his two-year tenure.

Although Mazzuto would not confirm the details of Barrueta's departure, citing confidentiality issues, in an email to *The Rotunda*, Barrueta confirmed that Mazzuto chose not to renew his contract for a third season.

"[Mazzuto's] comment that I 'left' the program insinuates that I quit," wrote Barrueta, "which is grossly incorrect." According to Barrueta, Mazzuto offered him the opportunity to resign, but Barrueta refused, "based on the



Coach Dave Barrueta's contract was not renewed by for 2005-2006 season.

success I had in meeting his objectives."

Barrueta added that a review of his personnel file showed that he in fact met all of the goals set for him by Mazzuto. President Cormier and Director Mazzuto informed Barrueta that, because they decided not to renew his contract, they did not need to provide a reason for their decision.

When asked if he thought the outcome of the season affected the University's decision not to renew his contract, Barrueta said he didn't know, but that he was very proud of the team.

"The results on the field this season against Division I opponents show extremely good progress compared to 2003. We were a much better team, on and off the field."

Barrueta pointed also to department-wide improvements that he felt proud to be a part of, such as the new Athletic Department-run study hall. A source of disappointment for Barrueta, however, is the lack of an institutional drug-testing program at Longwood, which he fully supported.

Director Mazzuto was not available for comment at press time.

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Relay for Life Teams Now Being Formed

Student teams honor cancer victims and survivors

Ashley Dow
Staff Writer

Looking across Stubbs Lawn you see many people gathered watching a concert. You also see two students lighting a candle, furthering the long line of brilliantly glowing luminaries lining the sidewalk. You notice the small campsites scattered on the lawn. Finally you see people walking, sometimes in groups, pairs or alone, but walking for a purpose.

This purpose is Relay For Life. Relay For Life is an over-night event dedicated to celebrating the survivors of cancer and remembering the victims. The event raises money for research programs through the American Cancer Society.

Relay For Life, an annual event at Longwood, is sponsored by the Longwood Chapter for Relay For Life. The next relay will be held on April 8th, 2005 from 7pm to 7am on Stubbs Lawn.

Even though the event is months away, the chapter is busy recruiting volunteers and relay participants. Teams and volun-



Relay for Life raises money for research programs aimed at finding cures for cancer.

unteers are essential to the success of the event. Teams raise money by fundraising and soliciting contributions. Each team member is encouraged to raise \$100 for the event. Kickoff events were held at both Longwood and Hampden-Sydney in early November.

At these events over 140 peo-

ple showed an interest in forming a team for Relay For Life.

"We want to form teams early," said Meredith Carr, chair of Team Recruitment. "By forming a team early, team members have more time to fundraise."

Teams of 8-12 people comprised of students, faculty and staff from Longwood University and Hampden-Sydney take turns walking a designated track. Each team tries to keep at least one team member on the track at all times during the event. Some teams walk in honor of cancer survivors and victims. Others walk to raise awareness.

"Last year Sigma Kappa Sorority had a team. We had a sister who currently had cancer and another who was a survivor," expressed Alexis Schaeffer. "We feel it is important to show support for those affected by cancer."

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Words from the Editor: My Brain Is Inside Out



me from an AIM profile.

Seventy of our nearest and dearest high school classmates have decided to get together over Thanksgiving weekend. Out of over five hundred people in our graduating class, about sixty of the most irritating are on this list in Jence's profile (Jence being the ringleader of this whole charade).

"You know," I say when she's done, "We have a real reunion next year. Isn't this a little silly?"

In high school, I told myself that I'd be all over the reunion thing. Why not see the complete and utter failures people have made of themselves? Categorically speaking, however, people who are failures rarely show at reunions.

Stef is beyond thrilled about this whole ordeal. She squeals

over various names on the list, people that I'm pretty sure that she wasn't even friends with. I, on the other hand, can think of two people on the list - outside of our regular group - that I really, truly want to see. Two. Is that a little sad? But for now, I'm done talking about it; Stef writes about it on AIM; I puke.

But Black Friday evening rolls around, and I find myself in front of my bedroom mirror. Has it really been half an hour since I started doing my make-up? Did I really agonize over my outfit? I kind of want to punch myself in the face, especially after Stef starts fussing about how she must do her makeup the microsecond before we walk out the door in order to ensure total freshness. Definitely deserved of a punch in the face.

We, of course, get there right at seven. I could have been fine with fashionably late, but okay. I can stake out a good place where I can see and talk to people, but I'm not in the middle of

all the action. "There" is an upscale pool hall.

As more people come in, the reactions become bigger. Deanna grabs her head and yells, "Oh my effing God!" Someone else yells, "My brain is inside out!" I clearly went to high school with some very articulate individuals. But really, what do you say in a situation like this?

Most people are cordial, and I notice that this is not unlike All Night Grad Party (the last time many of us saw each other). We take pictures and talk about the future. Most of the answers aren't big surprises. Elizabeth, the soon-to-be Yale graduate will be working

for the CIA. Like none of us saw that coming.

"How does that work?" Zack asks. "Did you find a note in your sandwich one day?"

After five hours of this, the excitement wears thin. Ryan comes up to me to announce that the moral of the story is that everyone is gay.

I contemplate his statement, but I think the moral of the story is this: after spending four years trying to find ourselves, most of us are more than willing to go right back to our high school personas. Everything we've become comfortable about with our college friends becomes null and void as

we flounder down memory lane.

I once read an essay about Janis Joplin describing a high school reunion she attended after she became famous. Even after all her accomplishments, her classmates couldn't get past the image of the girl they knew at seventeen. Belittled, she left in worse shape than she had been all those years ago.

She chose to go back as someone new; we chose to go back as the same old people.

Amy Whipple

Amy Whipple
Editor-in-Chief

Scott's Most Modest Proposal

Scott Dill
Photo Editor

I think that it is time America forms their very own sweatshop labor program.

Our noble country is losing a great deal of labor to sweatshops in China, Bangladesh, and other third world countries.

(Don't believe me, look at the tag in the back of your clothing.)

So, where are we going to get this labor for our growing economy? Children!

For this idea to work, we will need to ban all forms of abortion.

It doesn't really matter what the outcome of the child's life is, only that the child is alive.

Now, not all parents love the child that they give birth to and are supposed to raise.

Look at the numbers concerning child abuse, run aways, and malnutrition.

If we want to beat China, we will need all the little hands that we can get.

Our next big goal to help our growing economy is to find children who are abused by their families.

Children who are abused tend to be easy to control and do whatever anyone says.

This could be a great work ethic that allows them to work for 20 hours a day.

We should have started our program in the '80s, when child abuse was more prevalent.

Imagine a sweatshop full of small abused children.

I am sure that we could beat any third-world sweatshops when we

have a full army of scared little four year-olds mass producing t-shirts.

However, there is an obstacle that we have to take into consideration: foster care.

Maybe if our country had started this sweatshop program in the year 2000, our quota of children would have been 520,000 for children in foster care, while only 117,000 are able for adoption (taken from www.statistics.adoption.com/adoption_from_foster_care_1999.php).

Our organization should really sort out the small amount of folks that actually want to help these children.

We need to sort the abused from the ones that are not abused.

The non-abused children might not work as well in a sweatshop environment.

So, they could also be sent to families that will only take them for a welfare check.

Those folks will abuse them and work them like modern slaves, and when their time is up, more little hands for our sweatshop.

Oh, this will be a greatest accomplishment for our great nation.

Or will it be?

What you have read thus far has obviously been satirical, and I want to make a few things crystal clear.

First, I am adopted.

In my first eight years of my life (before my adoption), only one family had the decency not to abuse either my sister or me.

I feel that I was raised with the

result of bad parenting.

When it comes to a pro-life point-of-view, how can you assume that the child will have a good life?

How can you say that a child raised in an abusive or poverty-stricken family will have a valuable life?

Imagine the self-esteem of any child living like that.

Not all foster parents are bad, but in the case that they are, there is that little part of you that feel less important because it seems that you are the only one without a loving mother and father.

I don't have a problem with pro-life opinions, but I do have a problem with people who just speculate that when a child comes into this world, regardless of the situation, everything is going to work out okay.

The sad reality is that child abuse occurs each year, and that children are in foster care (both good and bad) and that the ones that are not so lucky die from starvation.

What is their value?

If their mothers could have chosen abortion, would things have worked out better?

What is the value of their life?

Is it worth an abortion?

Like I said earlier, I don't have a problem with people who are pro-life, or pro-choice, because once you have a child, it doesn't really matter anymore.

The only thing that really matters is the more important question: will they be good parents?

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Presenting an Average Situation

Tanner Keith
Opinion Editor

Around the middle of this summer, an event occurred that has had a definite effect on my life.

My then ex-girlfriend (I will refer to her as Jamie) whom I had been dating on and off for about two years, was raped.

She had just turned eighteen that month.

Prior to this event, I had considered myself to be a rather strong person, but nothing I had been through in my entire life prepared me for this summer.

Jamie grew up in an average household with an older sister, attended church regularly, and had a very strong belief in God.

She did mission work, was part of Young Life, a Christian youth group, and went to a private Christian school. Jamie wanted to be a social worker and live in D.C. to help the inner city kids.

Jamie had a motherly instinct like none other, and led a life dedicated to her evangelical religion.

Some years ago, through friends she had at church, she met Charlie (name also changed).

Jamie's friends had gone to his neighborhood in New York on a mission trip, and they became friends.

Almost every year Charlie and his cousins would come to Virginia to visit, and Jamie developed an obvious crush on him.

I did meet Charlie once, but little more than a, "hey, how's it going," was exchanged; not enough for me to draw any conclusion to his character.

This summer, however, his actions spoke more words than any God could comprehend.

Around the middle of August, I had a long conversation with Jamie, and decided it would be best if we stop seeing each other.

We had both been gradually growing apart, although I still loved her. She started abusing her prescriptions and taking any pills she could find.

Jamie, on the other hand, didn't agree with my decision.

She sank into a depression, (she had been previously diagnosed as clinically depressed), and I did not hear from her until the day she came to my house and told me she had been raped.

As she told me her story, the feelings that came to me that day have not since been matched, and I doubt they will ever be.

Jamie began to tell me what had happened that week while I had been away at work.

After I broke up with her, she would not eat or sleep.

She stayed in her room, listened to music, and eventually made herself physically sick.

After a period of two weeks, a friend of Jamie's called her and told her that Charlie was in town.

Jamie took 8 "Correys" (Coriseden, an over-the counter anti-histamine which contains DXM, increasingly abused for the high it produces) and went to see him.

Jamie's friend dropped her off and left, assuming that others were there.

There was no one in the house except Charlie, and Jamie hoped that hanging out with him for a while would make her feel better.

While Jamie was still under the effects of the Coriseden, Charlie asked her several times to have sex, and she repeatedly said no.

She said, "No."

Eventually, tired of his advances, she let him have sex with her.

Not once did she say yes.

When he was finished, he got up and left Jamie there crying.

A week later, after not speaking

to her, Charlie called Jamie, and said, "I didn't use a rubber and I didn't pull out, so if you get pregnant with some freak kid, I don't wanna know about it."

I asked Jamie if it hurt, and she said it did. I asked her if she had told anyone, and she had not, nor did she want anyone to know.

She went to a clinic and found out that she was not pregnant, nor did she test positive for any STD's.

She did not want her parents to know, and she refused to tell any authority figure, adding that if I did report this incident, then she would never speak to me again.

I could not, nor can I now understand why these events occur.

I was angry, but I was also consumed by guilt.

I understand that I should not feel guilty for these things, but I do.

I know it wasn't my fault that she took the pills and put herself in that environment, but I feel as though I caused it.

I feel as if I was the cause of her rape, and now, months later, it still bothers me.

I do not place this burden on myself freely, nor is it logical for me to feel such guilt, yet I still do.

I can only question how long it will take for me to forget, or how soon God will show me that it was not my fault.

However, I have not counted on God for anything for quite some time now.

The point of my writing about this "average situation" is twofold.

First, to address the fact that this is an average situation.

Rape happens repeatedly across the world, and it cannot be ignored.

Secondly, the fact that rape does not just affect the "victim."

It affects friends, family, and anyone else involved.

After this summer, I now feel a guilt and a pain that I know will remain with me for a long, long time.

props and drops

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Props:

- + To three more weeks left in the semester.
- + To the goddess Lindsey Lohan.
- + To Taco Bell's grilled stuffed burritos.
- + To the first ever D-1 tournament at Longwood.
- + To the pep band.
- + To Paris Hilton's new residence.

Drops:

- To being sick all semester.
- To *Everyone Loves Raymond* because very few people really love that idiot.
- To the Grand Dining Room being closed.
- To inadequate health care.

Speak Out

What is your favorite road trip memory?



My favorite road trips have been with my best friends Stephanie, Laverne, and Shirley. With a pack of cotton candy Bubble Yum, a Biggie sweet tea, and your best girlfriend's fingernail clippers, you can't go wrong!
-Jenny Workman
Junior

Danny and Nathan decided to go see Tower of Power, a funk band in Roanoke. They only had two hours to get there, and sped the whole way. They even made it back to Music Theory class the next morning.
-Danny Short
Sophomore



One time when the Color Guard was on the road, a friend of mine would flash truckers. Sometimes they would follow us for repeats.
-Jen Eckrote
Sophomore

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Rumors surrounding Barrueta's release earlier last month centered on an incident that involved misconduct on the part of two of Barrueta's players. Barrueta confirmed that on an official team trip, two players spent the night in the team hotel with a pair of young women. Both players then skipped the team breakfast. Barrueta investigated, and found the players in bed with the young women.

According to Barrueta, "One player had a history of team violations and the other had none." Barrueta made the decision to release the repeat offender. The other player was disciplined separately but remained on the team.

Although he doesn't know exactly what led to his non-renewal, Barrueta said that, prior to his notification, he was told by a Longwood staff member informally that his decision to release the player, who "has an influential Dad," would end up costing him his job.

"Setting the right standards for my team is more important than playing politics. Apparently, the administration did not agree with me," wrote Barrueta.

Earlier this year, Barrueta's home was defaced with a racial epithet.

"I am half Mexican-American," Barrueta explained, "and someone thought it would be humorous to make fun of Mexicans." Barrueta confirmed that the vandalism was soccer-related as it made mention of his record as coach.

Barrueta added that he is "extremely disappointed" in President Cormier's response to

the incident, as he has yet to have a meeting to discuss the incident that she promised him.

President Cormier was unavailable for comment at press time.

Barrueta came to Longwood from Mercer University (Ga.) in 2003, where he was an assistant coach. Previously, Barrueta had also coached at Georgia Tech and Yale.

Although Barrueta was optimistic at the beginning of the season, by all accounts the year was forecasted to be an uphill climb for both Barrueta and the program as a whole.

Only four players returned this year, including one starter, and of the 19 new players on the team, 17 were freshman. According to the Men's Soccer 2004 Media Guide, Barrueta was undaunted heading into the season.

"It is quite evident that we will be young this season," said Barrueta. "But...age does not play a part in measuring one's level of determination, fight and pride."

Lancers were playing their first season under NCAA Division I rules and an entire opponent roster of D-I schools.

Because of these changes, losses to teams such as the University of Virginia, whom the team was able to hold off to one goal for the game in overtime, can be considered accomplishments for the untested team.

Assistant Head Coach Jon Atkinson, has been appointed interim head coach until a replacement can be found for Barrueta. Next season, the team will play under its third head coach in four seasons.

those who have passed away from cancer," said Courtney Jones, Luminares and Survivorship chairperson. "The ceremony helps to exemplify how many people are affected by cancer, not just those who are diagnosed, but their family and friends."

The final team-recruiting event will be held on Tuesday December 7th at 7:00 pm in the Amelia room student union.

Those interested in forming or joining a team are asked to e-mail Meredith Carr at mlcarr@longwood.edu for more information.

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For the event, each team designs a campsite where other team members can sleep and relax when not walking. Also, campus and community groups provide singing, dancing and comedic entertainment throughout the night.

The most important program during the event, the luminary ceremony, is often the most emotional.

The luminary ceremony is observed to honor cancer victims and survivors.

"It is important to recognize

Professor: Pull Funding To Help Stop Terrorist Acts

U-Wire

Massive firepower, tanks and jets may help in the war against terrorism, but cutting off terrorist funding can be just as effective.

This year's recipient of the Blackmon-Moody Award, Walter Enders, chair of the economics and finance department and professor of economics said applying business strategy to the implementation of anti-terror legislation is practical.

It is logical to assume the enemy will make the best move available to them to counteract the opposition, he said, comparing the War on Terror to a chess game.

He said practical use of economic theory is beneficial to choose the best way to counter the strategies of terrorists.

He also said the economics of game theory explored by John Nash, a famous economist and subject of the popular film "A Beautiful Mind," are applicable to fighting terrorism. Game theory, Enders said, is about predicting human behavior given certain circumstances.

"You need to understand how [terrorist] behaviors will change

in reaction to counter-terrorist measures," he said.

Enders said his application of business strategy to the war on terror is likely the reason he was selected to receive the Blackmon-Moody Award by UA President Robert Witt and a committee that reviews faculty nominations. The award is given to a UA faculty member each year.

Enders said he wanted to study economics when he realized problems that afflict society, and he said he wanted to find ways to make improvements to society.

"[Economics] addressed what I thought were significant problems in a scientific way," he said. "I liked the economic way of thinking."

Enders said he gave a presentation in California on the topic of homeland security. He analyzed how terrorist activities have spread in recent years from high-income, industrialized countries to low-income, developing nations since 9/11.

In the majority of cases, it is easier for terrorists to work when governments do not monitor their activities closely, he said. There is less governmental interference in developing nations, he

said.

Enders, whose work has been published in multiple economic journals, said he is currently studying the effect terrorism has on the international flow of currency, or "foreign direct investment." He and his colleague Adolfo Sachsida hope to write a paper on this topic, he said.

The department of economics and finance will offer a new course exploring terrorist activity next semester, Enders said. Enders will teach EC 497, "Political Economy of Terrorism," and will focus upon the economics of terrorism, the professor said.

The text for the course will be a book co-authored by Enders, and students enrolled in the class will extensively review and analyze The 9/11 Commission Report.

Enders holds a bachelor's as well as a master's degree from the University of Toledo. His received his doctorate from Columbia University.

Enders was a co-recipient of the 2003 Award for Behavioral Research Relevant to the Prevention of Nuclear War Risk given by the National Academy of Sciences.

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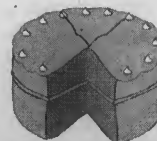
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Tongue in Cheek

By: Ellie Woodruff



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CD Review:

Gwen
Stefani's
*LAMB*Ruben Sanchez
U-Wire

On her new album, "Love, Angel, Music, Baby" (*LAMB*), Gwen Stefani rocks like it's 1989.

Stefani is a child of the '80s, and through her solo debut the rock princess tries to revive the decade mocked for its materialism, bad clothes, and worse music.

And for a large portion of *LAMB*, she succeeds.

Gone are the highly personal and introspective lyrics that made *No Doubt* and its female lead so successful.

In the place of substance, *LAMB* delivers '80s new wave and pop, with hints of swing and electronica.

There is none of the familiar ska sound *No Doubt* is famous for.

She sings about money, cars and clothes on "Luxurious,"

likely to the chagrin of some diehard *No Doubt*ers. Gwen's solo album is for her fans alone, not *No Doubt* fans looking for more *No Doubt* music.

Really, *LAMB* isn't about the music at all. It's about Gwen Stefani and the cultivation of her new persona and career.

The producers are the ones making the music on this one, not Gwen.

But when an album is promoted as an extension of the of the artist's personality, bad songs become embarrassments.

LAMB has 12 tracks, and starting with number seven, an homage to the bizarre Harajuku Girls, the songs get embarrassing.

The later tracks are carbon copies of the new wave pop that went out of style in the '80s, and the second track produced by Andre 3000, "Long Way to Go," which has tape of Martin Luther King, Jr. speeches infused at the end, is catchy but too weird to like.

Gwen Stefani's new album splits right down the middle: half good and half bad.

Some will call it a fun album, some will call it weird. Some fans will like it, some won't.

But one thing is clear: for Stefani, it's no longer about the music. It's about the material.

Those before us have challenged us to seize the day. We at The Rotunda now challenge you to do the same. Capture an instance in your life, using around 100 words or less, that has made a lifelong impression. Please e-mail The Rotunda with your responses, or any questions: rotunda@longwood.edu

Carpe Diem

Carpe Noctem is a more precisely-put term for our lives. At night we carry on our illicit affairs that are exposed only by permission of the moon. We find and lose real love. We drink too much wine, run through fields en masse, climb trees, and listen to Rod Stewart instruct us to allow our young hearts to be free.

Then it comes to an unwelcome end when we get up the next day to attend the vapid "dailiness of life."

Janet Jones



Jazz Review

Janet Jones
Copy Editor

Last Monday evening, the Longwood Jazz Ensembles filled Jarman Theater with the sounds of trombones, guitars, drums, saxophones, and trumpets.

This compilation of students, faculty, and guest performers played their dedicated work for the public. Along the way, their director, Charles Kinzer, has guided them.

Many songs floated on the air that evening, including "Bossa Madeira", "Pig Lickin' Blues", and "Got to Get You Into My Life." The Jazz Ensembles chose the immortal sounds of artists like Billie Holiday, John Lennon, Miles Davis, and Duke Ellington to fill their program.

After Jazz Ensemble B played four songs, Jazz Ensemble A emerged on the stage with more than enough energy to finish out the night. If by chance you foolishly missed these talented musicians last week, you can be forgiven and allowed another opportunity to witness this magic.

On December 3 & 4, Jazz Ensemble A will be playing Holiday Dinners in Dorrill Dining Hall, and on Wednesday December 8th at 8:00 p.m. Jazz Ensemble B will perform in Lancer Café.

Longwood's Fashion: The Campus's Individual Look

Sarah-Tyler Moore
Staff Writer

"[Each] school has a distinct fashion identity, and within that, legions of students with diverse individual looks and strong opinions," said Bridget Foley, Editor of WWD magazine.

What is Longwood's style?

What trends and words describe a typical Longwood student's fashion habits?

Style is not easy to quantify, and student's definitions tend to vary.

Senior Jeremy Nuckols said, "[Longwood's style is] comfortable, because the students are mature enough [to] not be worried about their appearance." Freshman Sarah Ayres agrees, but she also said, "Pajamas, because it seems like everybody dates some one at a different school so no

one sees the point in looking presentable."

Are Longwood students up to date with national trends?

Sophomore Keith Lichliter said, "The majority is up to the fashion trend...probably because students want to be fashionable and [therefore they] keep up with the trend."

Longwood students are part of the \$30 billion young adult consumer population, as WWD magazine calculates, but how much are they willing to spend on style individually?

Students interviewed spend anywhere from \$20 to \$400 when they shop. Longwood's young adults open their wallets at malls, department stores, etc. anywhere from 5 times a month, like freshman Sarah Schupp, or

once a year as Nuckols does.

The costliest items of style range from a Polar-Tec fleece to a pair of jeans: Lichliter dropped \$225 on a Patagonia® Fleece that he considers "prestigious," and Schupp paid \$150 for Seven® Jeans "...because they had pink on them."

But perhaps Schupp and

that set students apart on campus?

Maybe they are like Lichliter, who describes his style as "preppy" or Schupp who says she is "classy."

Similarly, Ayres says what sets her apart is the fact that she "wear[s] black a lot and not many people do."

Personal style and taste derive from scenes, like the friends a student has, the movie stars they like, music they listen to, and the stores they frequent.

Lichliter said, "Friends [most influence my style], because in order to fit in with my friends I have to dress a particular way."

Schupp and Ayres agree that factors like media, friends, and music all contribute to what they define as their style.

"Friends [most influence my style], because in order to fit in with my friends I have to dress a particular way."

Keith Lichliter

Lichliter are not the norm, Junior David Walker, biggest receipt on clothing was for \$50 jeans and he said, "Going over \$50 for any article of clothing is pushing it."

Who are Longwood's "legions of students" with diverse individual looks and strong opinions,

Nationally, WWD magazine reports that in females 31.85 percent are most influenced by stores, 24.4 percent by friends, 19.94 percent by magazines, and 13.69 percent by musicians and actors.

Money and outside influences are possible elements in the essence of a student's style at Longwood.

WWD reports that if a college girl had an unlimited bank account to buy whatever designer good she wished she would buy a Louis Vuitton handbag. While some interviewed, had similar aspirations, there are some students who place little value on brand names or labels.

Longwood's student body is indisputably comprised with diverse students with styles that match such differences

New Dean, Dr. Hume, Sets High Goals for Business College

Shawn Slotke
Staff Writer

As the new school year opened in August, Longwood's College of Business and Economics welcomed Dr. Evelyn C. Hume as its new Dean.

The strong emphasis on students was a main attraction for Hume to choose Longwood as her new home.

Along with the emphasis on students, the dedication of the faculty impressed Hume, and she cites this dedication as a strength of the Business School.

"The faculty has provided us with a great connection to the business community, particularly in Richmond. The strength of the Corporate Advisory Board, Alumni Advisory Board, and Student Advisory Board all add to the overall success of the program as well."

Although Longwood's Business School is successful, Hume has high hopes for the future. "I really want to enhance our name recognition to a broader area," said Hume.

This would mean reaching out beyond Richmond and Virginia to the rest of the East Coast, and then the entire country. Another goal is to offer graduate programs at Longwood "very soon."

"The Business School here is our best kept secret," she said. "I don't want us to be a secret any more." Hume is well-respected by both faculty and students and will surely help Longwood achieve the recognition we deserve.

Many business students are enthusiastic in their support of Hume's vision.

Senior Business Management major Heather Crouse looks forward to the day when a degree from Longwood will turn heads.

"I think it's great that Hume wants Longwood to be a better known school. She really seems like she wants the best for each of us," said Crouse.

With her knowledge and expertise as a faculty member, researcher, and administrator, Hume offers good advice students.

"Do everything you can to develop good communication, both written and oral. You might know everything in the world, but if you can't communicate that to others, it doesn't do much good."

Another priority of students should be to find a mentor in the first job. "This is a person who will teach you things that aren't in text books and manuals. They can help you open doors," she

said.

A solid business background combined with a positive outlook for the School of Business and Economics makes Hume a great addition to the Longwood community.

Hume comes to Longwood from the University of Texas-Pan American (UTPA) where she served as the Assistant Dean of Business Administration for four



years and as a faculty member for seven years.

"I liked being the Assistant Dean because I wanted to influence policy and be able to initiate changes for students," she says.

While at UTPA, Hume also helped with the reaccreditation process.

During her time at UTPA, Hume encountered challenges that were rewarding and difficult.

"One of the more difficult challenges I faced came when we had to close down several of the unsuccessful graduation programs," she explained.

The rewarding challenge came when UTPA experienced a 10% growth rate. "We had to hire new faculty to accommodate the student growth. This included remodeling a building to create new offices for the faculty."

These challenges gave Hume her the experience needed to pursue her current post at Longwood.

Hume noted one main difference between UTPA and Longwood: the average student. "At UTPA, 85% of the student body is Hispanic, coming to Longwood; the average student looks very different."

This is definitely a big adjustment but luckily Hume is well prepared for the task.

"I had a wonderful mentor at UTPA, and I learned a lot about upward administration as well as faculty and student relations. It was time to move on and to take what I had learned and put it into practice," she said.

Dr. Hume has received several awards for her hard work in research as well as a faculty member.

In addition to receiving two Distinguished Research Awards for her presentations at the Allied Academics International Conference in 2002 and 2001, she was the 2003 recipient of the UTPA Excellence in Teaching Outstanding Faculty award.

Although difficult to decide which awards were the most important, Hume decided that "the teaching award meant a lot to be because it was bestowed upon me by my peers. It was affirmation that I was doing a good job."

As Longwood tries to promote itself as one of the in-state public education leaders, we are in need of strong administrators to lead the way.

Hume is that she isn't just another dean who sits behind her desk and makes phone calls. She is actively involved with professors and students. She has a true appreciation for the school and the spirit that it fosters.

"I love coming to work every day," she concluded. "I am very happy to be here," she said.

Her contagious smile will likely inspire not only business students, but the rest of the student body as well.

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Sports Information

The Lancers dropped an 81-52 decision to West Virginia University (WVU) Wednesday evening at the WVU Coliseum. The Mountaineers (5-0) were led by Meg Bulger who had a game-high 16 points, while Yolanda Paige added six points and dished out a game-high 17 assists. The Lancers (3-3) were led by junior forward Amber Mason with 10 points. Longwood will play again Tuesday, December 7, at Robert Morris at 7:30 p.m..

Longwood and WVU were tied 2-2 early at 19:20 before sophomore guard Ashleigh Hollman drained a three-pointer to give the Lancers the lead with 18:07 to play in the first half. A quick run by WVU put the Mountaineers up by five at 12-7, but a made free throw by Ashley Mason and a jumper by senior center Catherine Dunn cut the score to 12-10.

WVU put together a 27-5 run over the next eight minutes to open the game up and give the Mountaineers a commanding 39-15 lead at 5:14 and was able to go into halftime with a 25-point advantage.

WVU held its largest lead of

the game at the 14:43 mark of the second half with a 36-point lead at 61-25. The Lancers were able to put together a 13-3 run to cut the score to 64-38 with less than ten minutes to play in the game. The offensive spurt was led by freshman guard Keiva Small who scored six points and Hollman who sank three-of-three free throws.

Longwood would close the gap to 24, 70-46, at the 4:56 mark after freshman Leigh Mascherin hit a three-pointer and Amber Mason hit a jumper, but that is as close as the Lancers could get as WVU earned the 81-42 victory.

In addition to Amber Mason's 10 points, Dunn and Small both added nine points each. Senior forward Marita Meldere added five points and a game-high 10 rebounds. Longwood shot 32.7% from the floor, including 26.3% on three pointers, and hit 55.0% of its free throws.



Amber Mason

NFL REPORT: Giving Thanks For Thanksgiving Football

Patrick Sullivan
Sports Editor

Thanksgiving football has been a long established tradition in the NFL. For years families have sat down in front of the television to be entertained by the monsters of the gridiron, while the turkey slowly roasted in the oven. It seems the trouble families have been having with the last few years has been the lack of production of the two teams who annually host these Turkey Day games, the Dallas Cowboys and Detroit Lions. Luckily this year, it was Payton Manning and the Colts turning to head into Detroit. Manning lit up the Lions throwing for six touchdown passes, closing in on Dan Marino's record of most touchdown passes in a season (48).

Dallas was also the sight of its own family reunion, as brothers Julius Jones and Thomas Jones, starting running backs for the Cowboys and Bears, respectively faced off in their first NFL game together. The younger brother

Julius gets the extra turkey leg at the Jones family for helping the Cowboys snap a three game losing streak.

Payton's own brother Eli Manning didn't fair nearly as well as he and his Giants put a futile attempt in their loss to the Eagles. In their own "Futile Bowl," the 49ers move one step closer to the number one draft pick after losing to the Dolphins. St. Louis appeared just as ineffective, as Brett Favre picked them apart in their loss to the Packers. Once again sinking below their potential, the Seahawks dropped one to the slumping Bills.

The Panthers are starting to look like a Super Bowl team again after extending their winning streak to three, by defeating the Buccaneers. However, the NFC South division leaders Atlanta increased their lead after narrowly defeating New Orleans. The Vikings are trying to fight off the rising Packers in the standings as they defeated

the Jaguars.

The Steelers increase their lead in the AFC North after destroying the floundering Redskins; however, there is some good news for Washington fans as Joe Gibbs has reaffirmed his attentions to stay on next year. Helping the Steelers increase their divisional lead are the Patriots who defeated the Ravens and their struggling offense.

The Jets are trying to stay competitive in their division, and their defeat of the Cardinals will help. The Broncos have dropped out of first place in their division after losing to the Raiders. Houston also prevailed in their confrontation against the Titans.

Player of the Week: Drew Brees once again came through in the clutch for the Chargers as he threw for 378 yards and two touchdowns.

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Men Lose 4th Straight to Quinnipiac

Kyle Martin
Staff Writer

The men's basketball team, with its fourth consecutive loss Saturday to the Bobcats of Quinnipiac University, is still searching for their first win of the season. "We got smacked in the face and now we've got to get back up and keep moving," freshman Forward Lamar Barrett said.

Longwood's defense struggled in the first half, allowing Quinnipiac to score the first 19 points of the contest. The Bobcats' Rob Monroe scored the first ten points of the game including two consecutive three-pointers. The Lancers got on the scoreboard with a pair of Lamar Barrett free throws six minutes into the game. Barrett led the Lancers in scoring for the half with six points. Sophomore Forward Leland Beale made Longwood's first basket of the half with 12:40 to play.

At the end of the half, Quinnipiac led Longwood by twenty-eight points with a score of 45-17. The Bobcats shot 55% from the field while the Lancers struggled to shoot 21% in the half.

Freshman Forward Lamar Barrett knows that poor shooting is not always related to strong oppositional defensive play. "When we shoot bad percentages, it's not their defense that is stopping us. We're stopping ourselves," Barrett said.

Barrett and the Lancers improved in the second half, but were unable to catch the Bobcats of Quinnipiac. Longwood outscored the Bobcats 45-44 in the half, but Quinnipiac defeated the Lancers 89-62. Barrett led the Lancers in scoring with 18 points and also had 6 rebounds. Sophomore Guard Maurice Sumter led the team in rebounds with 10 and put in a solid defensive performance with 3 steals and 2 blocks.

Longwood is currently 0-5 on the season after losing to cross-town rival Hampden-Sydney 73-67 on Monday night. Lamar Barrett led the Lancers with his third 18-point effort of the season. Longwood went on the road and lost at William & Mary yesterday and will go to Howard on December 4. The Lancers next home game is December 6 at 7:00 pm against Hofstra.

Cheerleading Expands From 'Club Sport' to an Athletic Department Endorsed Team

Kyle Martin
Staff Writer

"A game isn't a game without cheerleaders" junior third-year cheerleader Karen Hasinger said. Although often criticized as non-athletic, Longwood University's cheerleading team has earned its

place in an athletic program committed to competing at the Division I level.

Formerly a club sport directed by students, the cheerleading team is now headed by newly hired coach Lalisha Fitchett-Bland.



Husein Pistoljevic's specialty is his ability to hit the long range shot. Picture by Will Pettit

"We need to stay focused as a team and come together as a team. We need to play good team ball. We're rushing too many shots and not staying within ourselves. We're a young team, but we need to come together," Assistant Coach Doug Thibault said.

Thibault also understands that defensive play must improve as well. "We need to improve all areas of defense and play it for forty minutes," Thibault said.

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"I cheered here at Longwood University. That's the main reason I came back because the program needed to be strengthened by a coach because it was usually student-run," Head Coach Fitchett-Bland said. Fitchett-Bland has enlisted the help of former cheerleader and junior Ashley Conner who has volunteered to assist with the coaching duties.

"Ashley and I share the same team goals and work very well together. I am always thankful to have her helping me as she brings so much to the team. Sometimes she wishes that she was still out there cheering, but I think that makes her work harder to see the team be successful," Fitchett-Bland said.

Although cheerleading is often stereotyped as an all female sport, male participation is a strong part of the team. Junior first-year cheerleader Worly

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The Lancers challenged hard when junior Amber Mason scored with 12:39 remaining in the half to cut the deficit to three, but the Wildcats quickly responded and stretched their lead. Davidson outscored Longwood 18-4 in the next seven minutes to maintain a dominant advantage.

At halftime, the Bobcats lead the Lancers 36-25 with three players in double-figures led by Guard Emily Callahan's 14 points. Jessica Wilkerson, with 7 points, led Longwood's offensive attack. However, Davidson was more efficient offensively shooting 55% from the field compared to the Lancers' 32% for the half.

Coach Duncan stated, "We were letting them do whatever they wanted to do offensively in the half. We let them shoot 55% in field goals and 44% in three-pointers."

Although trailing by 11 points at halftime, Longwood rallied back early in the second half to catch the Wildcats. The Lancers went on a 13-4 run in the first eight minutes of the half with Catherine Dunn contributing 5 points to slice the lead to 1 point with 11:47 left in the game.

"We had to pressure full-court in order to force them out of their rhythm and it created

some turnovers for us and that is what enabled us to cut it to one," Coach Duncan said.

Similar to the first half, Davidson responded whenever Longwood kept the game close. With 10:17 left in regulation, Longwood missed their next five field goals and allowed Davidson to build a 9-point lead in five minutes.

Longwood's inability to gain the lead was linked to physical exhaustion. "We expended so much energy to get to that point that we didn't have any in reserve," Coach Duncan said.

Davidson with a 10-point advantage, defeated Longwood 60-50. Despite the loss in the tournament championship, two Longwood Lancers were honored for their accomplishments. Senior Forward Merita Meldere and Junior Guard Jessica Wilkerson were named to the all-tournament team.

"I just went out there and played with what I had. My teammates helped me get the award," Wilkerson said. Wilkerson finished the game with 9 points, 5 rebounds, and 2 steals.

As of November 30, the Lancers are 3-2 and continue a five-game road trip against West Virginia and Robert Morris.

Longwood's next home game is December 9 at 7:00 against High Point.

Weekly Trivia

What College Did Men's Basketball Coach Mike Gillian Graduate From?

Last Week's Question:

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If you would like to submit a trivia question send an email to rotundo@longwood.edu subject "Trivia" with your question, answer and name (if desired).

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Mon. vs Hofstra, 7pm
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Player of the Week

Lamar Barrett,
17.3 ppg, 5 rpgWomen's
Basketball

Record 3-3

Games this Week

Next Thur(9th) vs.
High Point, 7pm

Player of the Week

Marita Meldere,
11 ppg, 15 rpgLancers Make Tasty
Treat For Tigers

Sports Information

The Hampden-Sydney College Tigers rallied from an eight-point deficit over the final 8:02 for a come-from-behind 73-67 win past visiting Lancers of Longwood University in men's basketball Monday night at Fleet Gymnasium. The Tigers (3-1) were led by Brian Gunn with a game-high 19 points, including 13 in the second half.

The Lancers (0-5) were once again led by freshman Lamar Barrett who finished with 18 points, including 12 points in the first half. Longwood will play again Wednesday, Dec. 1, at The College of William and Mary at 7 p.m.

Longwood started fast in the contest, jumping ahead 21-9 at the 9:09 mark of the opening period on a pair of free throws by Barrett who scored six quick points. It would prove to be the largest lead of the game for the Lancers as H-SC fought back for its first lead of the night at 29-27, with just 2:53 left before halftime on a pair of free throws from Mladen Cvijanovic who came off the bench to score nine first-half points. LU took a narrow 33-32 lead at the intermission with a pair of late free throws from freshman Dana Smith at 0:26.

Longwood extended its margin

STUDENT~ATHLETE PROFILES

Julie Patterson
Field Hockey
Senior (4th yr.)
Hometown: Esmond, VA

Why do you play field hockey?

-I love the sport, and I love my teammates. When I was younger, I played because my best friend played. I like the game because if it is challenging and is not like any other sport.

Recall your best moment playing here?

-Beating UVa (the University of Virginia) last Spring, because they are a well-known and recognized Division I opponent.

What do you like most about Longwood?

-I like that it's a small school and you can have so many different friends. I like my major, therapeutic recreation.

What goals do you have?



-My goal is to go to graduate school at UVa for adaptive physical education. I also want to coach field hockey.

Who is your favorite athlete and why?

-Chipper Jones of the Atlanta Braves because my family liked the Braves.

What makes you unique?

-I have an identical twin sister named Jill. We think alike. She is a very outgoing person and I have a more reserved personality.

Tobias Guennel
Tennis
Junior (1st)
Hometown: Plauen, Germany



Why do you play tennis?

-I love sports and tennis is a very challenging game. There is always space to get better and it became a real passion.

Describe your best moment playing?

-The first game ever here was a doubles match with Rashko Patnikov at the Liberty Invitational. We had tough opponents, and it was a tight match but we won 9:8 after a final tie break. That was a great feeling.

What are your goals here?

-I want to help the tennis team to have a good season in the first full Division I schedual year. I want to develop my abilities in all aspects of sport as well as in university.

What do you like most about Longwood?

-The people are very open minded to "strangers." It was very easy to find a "new" home very far away from my "real" home. Although I have some problems with the language I felt integrated pretty fast.

What makes you unique?

-I think the fact that I'm German and therefore come from a completely different culture makes me very unique here.

again in the second half, leading by as many as nine points at 47-38 with 13:21 remaining on a three-pointer by sophomore Husein Pistoljevic. The Lancers maintained the advantage and led 57-49 with 8:12 left to play on a lay-up from Barrett.

The Tigers, however, rallied back with a 15-5 run to take its first lead of the second period at 64-62 and 4:05 on the clock. H-SC extended the lead to 68-62 (2:49) while capping a 19-5 outburst before LU closed to within 69-67 with 53-seconds to go. The Tigers sealed the outcome with a pair of lay-ups over the final 23-seconds, including the final basket from Gunn at the buzzer. Gunn sparked the decisive late surge with nine points over the final 7:41, including a three-pointer.

Longwood was led by Barrett with his 18 points, adding three blocks. Sophomore Maurice Sumter contributed a double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds, while classmate Michael Jefferson had 12 points for the Lancers. LU shot 42% (27-65) from the field, including 41% (7-17) on three-pointers, and 67% (6-9) at the line.

Hampden-Sydney was led by Gunn's 19 points, along with Cvijanovic's 16 points. Aaron

Lewek also had a double-double of 10 points and a game-high 12 rebounds, and Drew Prehmus added 10 points for the Tigers. H-SC also finished at 42% (29-69) from the field, including 35% (6-17) on three-pointers, and 69% (9-13) at the line.

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The Lancers have also recognized that thier team chemistry must progress in order for success to occur. "We need to sit down and let everything go. We need to sit down and come together as a team," Barrett

said.

Lamar Barrett is confident in the team's potential to win. "I'll use one of Coach Gillian's quotes, 'Rome wasn't built in a day, but when it was built, the sun shined brightly,'" Barrett stated.

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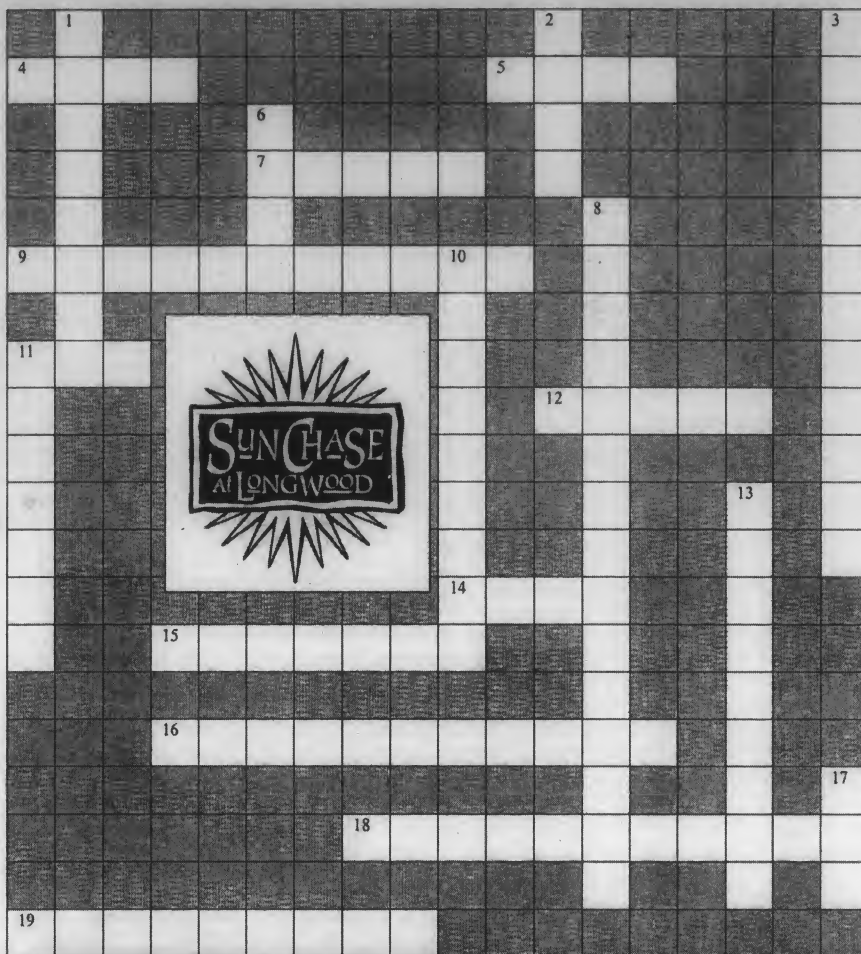
Complete this crossword puzzle and return to Sunchase by Wednesday, December 8th to be entered into a drawing for a mystery prize! No obligation to enter contest. All entries will be entered into drawing.

ACROSS

4. Sunchase mascot's name
5. Number of rooms in Sunchase at Longwood apartments
7. You need to sign this to reserve your apartment at Sunchase
9. Available 24-hours a day to fix anything in your apartment
11. Sunchase mascot
12. Where people meet outside to make dinner together
14. Type of volleyball court at Sunchase
15. Great place to go and watch the newest films with friends
16. What you fill out before signing a lease
18. Sunchase's policy on cats, dogs, fish, etc. (2 words)
19. Restaurant across the street from Sunchase (2 words)

DOWN

1. The best apartment community in Farmville
2. Hot spot in the summer to cool off and have fun with friends
3. Name of the leasing staff who will answer your questions and help you sign your lease
6. Farmville Area Bus line that goes to/from Sunchase
8. Refundable fee you pay to reserve an apartment at Sunchase (2 words)
10. The center of it all at Sunchase. Where residents go to study *and* have fun.
11. Feature to Sunchase's apartments that is great for getting fresh air
13. One of the activities in Sunchase's game room
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LU Connect Offers Students A New Voice

Website gives students a better way to find rides, rate professors

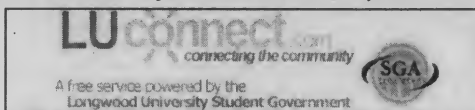
Ashley Dow
Staff Writer

Longwood's Student Government Association (SGA) has launched a second website, LUConnect.com.

LUConnect is a free service provided by the SGA to students, faculty, and staff. The purpose of the site is to provide the Longwood community with a new and better way to communicate and exchange information. To use the site, students have to fill out an on-line registration form and create a password.

"In the past few months, the Longwood Student Government Association has been hard at work making the Longwood campus a better place," stated SGA President Alicia Moody. "One of the many improvements was the addition of LUConnect.com."

The site offers four main points of interest to students. The book exchange enables stu-



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dents to sell and buy textbooks to one another. In past years, many students have lamented the frustrating high costs and low returns of buying and selling books through the bookstore. To lessen their frustration, the SGA expects many students will use the book exchange feature on the new website. The ability to buy books direct from former students is expected to help students to save money when purchasing textbooks. Over 30 students have already posted books to sell for next semester.

Junior Peyton Muhic recently posted her books for sale on the

exchange. She hopes that more students will sign up. As more students sign up, there is a greater chance that a book a student needs will be available through the book exchange.

"I think the website is a good idea," said Muhic. "But more people should use it to look for their books. The only way it will be beneficial is if more people use it."

In addition, the ride board feature will provide students with a virtual "posting board" to advertise for rides home and to other colleges and universities.

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President Cormier Selected Chair Of AASCU Board Of Directors

Office of Public Relations

Longwood University President Patricia Cormier was selected chair of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) during its annual meeting on November 23 in Charleston, South Carolina.

Dr. Cormier has just completed a three-year term on AASCU's 16-member board of directors, including one year as a member of the Board's Executive Committee. She is a faculty member for the AASCU New Presidents' Academy and has chaired the association's Task Force on Teacher Education.

"AASCU is the premier presidents' association for public colleges and universities in the nation, and it is a great honor and privilege for me to serve such a distinguished group of educators," said Dr. Cormier.

Also elected as the 2005 Chair-Elect (to serve as Chair in 2006) was John Welty, president, California State University Fresno. Four presidents and chancellors were elected to the AASCU Board of Directors for 2005. They are Mickey Burnim, chancellor, Elizabeth City State University, North Carolina; Robert Caret, president, Towson University, Maryland; Carlos Hernandez, president, New Jersey City University, New Jersey; Kay Schallenkamp, president, Emporia State University, Kansas. Jolene Koester, president, California State University-Northridge, was elected to serve one-year term.

AASCU is a higher education association whose membership is comprised of more than 430 colleges, universities and systems of public higher education throughout the United States and its territories.

Work On Science Building Proceeding On Schedule

State-of-the-art educational technology "will probably be the best in the world"

Office of Public Relations

Work is proceeding on schedule on the new science building, which will be equipped with state-of-the-art technology that will pave the way for enhanced teaching and research.

"The educational technology will probably be the best in the world; nobody will have better technology in the classroom," said Dr. Chuck Ross, who chairs the Department of Natural Sciences. "We currently don't have actual dedicated space for research, which has been done in the classroom, or wherever we could find space. This will be important, since in the future we will emphasize undergraduate research. This building will give us the space to kick this up a notch, to take it to the next level."

Dick Bratcher, vice president for facilities management and technology, echoed those senti-

ments. "One thing that's unique about this building, as compared to the old building, is that it will

have a microphone in each of the 12 research labs so that faculty members can record their research,

"The professor can play that CD or DVD in each classroom and teaching lab to share that infor-

mation with his students. Also, each of the teaching labs will have six big tables, at which students sit to do their experiments, with a camera over each table. The instructor can use that camera to focus in on an experiment



Dr. Anthony Palombella, Dr. Don Merkle, Dr. Mark Fink and Dana Johnson (left) tour the new building. The half-moon, glass-enclosed main entrance (right) faces High Street.

ment. "One thing that's unique about this building, as compared to the old building, is that it will have private research labs that will enable the faculty to do their own research," he said. "Also, it will have state-of-the-art teaching technology."

Among the building's technological features will be a camera and

both visually and in audio form, which can be "captured straight onto a computer and then transferred to a CD or DVD," said Alison Kendrick of the Information and Instructional Technology Services (IITS) staff.

Each of the teaching labs will have six big tables, at which students sit to do their experiments, with a camera over each table. The instructor can use that camera to focus in on an experiment

at a particular table which can then be projected onto a screen for everyone to view."

The building, and also the new Ruffner Hall, will have a high-tech device at the instructor's console, in the front of each classroom, called a symposium. "This is a digital tablet, like a touch pad, that acts as a computer monitor to switch from among different video sources," Kendrick said. "It's like a SmartBoard. When you write on it, you can save what you've written, and later if a student has a question about his notes, the professor can go back two or three pages and look it up. Also, the building will be the first on the Longwood campus to have Internet II, which is primarily educational Internet access."

The building will be a showcase for the integration of scientific

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Words from the Editor: What Exactly Is a Canola?



After living on my own for almost four months (and subsequently subsisting on pasta and take-out Mexican for almost four months), I took it upon myself to cook a green thing. This is a big step for me, one that (if I'm in suck-up mode) could be inspired by sitting in health class all semester long. However, I was apparently not prepared for the task ahead.

Monday afternoon, I dragged my friend Jessi with me to Kroger for some grown-up grocery shopping.

I don't know if you know this or not, but grown-up grocery shopping takes a lot longer than throwing Easy Mac and Old World Style Ragu in a basket along with Cherry Coke and Chocolate Fudge Pop-Tarts.

The first stop is for the green thing. I'm going to make noodles and cabbage (my favorite food

that my grandmother makes), so I need to figure out (and quickly) how to shop for cabbage. Cabbage is like lettuce. I know lettuce. Just to be sure what I'm doing, though, I read the helpful produce card located above the bin.

Next are the noodles. I understand pasta. I'm good there.

But see the last thing is oil. I do not understand oil. My options are canola and vegetable. Oh God.

"Jessi, which one do I use?" I ask.

She laughs at me like she knows the answer, which, clearly, she doesn't.

"What's the difference between the two?" I ask.

"One is blue and one is green," she says, pointing to the labels.

Labels! Labels are good. So we read them. All we gather is that both of them can catch on fire.

Well, awesome.

"Well, I know what vegetables

are," I say. "What is a canola?"

"There's a picture of a flower," Jessi offers. "Maybe it's a flower?"

A middle-aged woman standing behind us asks me what I'm trying to do.

"Fail at being an adult," I answer before I grab the vegetable oil and run away.

When we get home, I call my grandma to ask how I go about preparing a cabbage. This is way

harder than I anticipated. I should have gone about my merry fat way and stuck with Hamburger Helper (which I make without the hamburger). I ask about the core.

"Am I going to know it when I see it?" I ask. "Like an apple?"

My grandma laughs at me; I knew she would.

"I'm so bad at being an adult," I tell her.

"Don't worry," she says

between giggles. "I'm not good at it either. You'll let me know how it turns out, right?"

And I do, because nothing burned, and, as of Wednesday night, I'm still alive.

Success.

Amy Whipple

Amy Whipple
Editor-in-Chief

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

This letter is primarily concerned with Liberal Studies students completing Practica.

As students here at Longwood University, we have all had to pay the Comprehensive Fee.

This is a fee assessed by order of the Board of Visitors, which covers resources available to students.

These resources include Student Health, the Counseling Center, the Student Union, and library use.

All students enrolled at Longwood University have to pay this fee every semester, even during summer sessions.

Liberal Studies majors must complete at least two Practica before they graduate.

A Practicum is a three-week long session, that can only be completed during the first summer semester of each year, in which the student observes and teaches in a classroom in a public school system.

Most students go home to complete their Practica but some stay at Longwood to complete it.

All Practica students pay the same tuition and fees (except for room and board), regardless of whether they are at home or on campus.

The only problem we have with this is that Practica students completing their Practicum at home are paying the same Comprehensive Fee that students on campus are paying, \$90.00 (\$30.00 per credit hour for a 3 credit course).

If the student is at home completing a Practicum, how are they able to use the services paid for with the Comprehensive Fee?

This doesn't seem very fair, does it?

As a Biology Major, Mary Kathryn took summer sessions, but was on campus, and had access to all of the services covered in the Comprehensive Fee; Nicki had no access to these services while completing her Practicum at home.

We both paid the same Comprehensive Fee but only one of us had access to these services.

To make things more fair for Liberal Studies majors, we propose to the SGA and Board of Visitors that the Comprehensive Fee be waived or lessened for Practica students completing a Practicum at home.

Sincerely,
-Mary Kathryn Baber
and Nicki Saunders

Dear Editor,

While it is true that you will never be able to please everyone, I have heard more criticism of *The Rotunda* this year than in my past three at Longwood.

I hear constant complaining that the staff is a clique, that the articles only concern *The Rotunda* staff, and that Props and Drops makes no sense outside the staff.

I also hear that *The Rotunda* has appeared to target certain organizations this year.

Hard news articles that are supposed to be unbiased have clearly made biased statements.

For instance, the article on the campaign to stop smoking on Brock Commons included comments by Alicia Moody.

The article stated that, according to Moody, the no-smoking rule was "admittedly" not an official policy.

This makes it seem as though the campaign had been saying the policy was official, which was never the case, so far as I can tell.

The article had a definite slant against the policy.

In the same issue, you dropped the flags that were a part of the campaign.

This was a pretty strong statement of how the staff feels, again representing a biased view.

I realize props and drops is the least serious part of the paper, but there are ways to be inclusive.

To the staff of *The Rotunda*, I ask why biased articles are being printed.

Also, I feel the campus has noticed a certain exclusivity to *The Rotunda* staff, and I would be curious to hear your comments on that.

To those doing the complaining, I ask: have you submitted articles?

Props or drops?

Have you ever shown up to a meeting on Monday night?

Submitting props or drops is as easy as sending an email, the address of which appears each week above the box framing the section.

Have you spoken to a staff member about incidences of bias?

In other words, are we doing anything other than complaining?

As a former section editor for *The Rotunda*, I recognize the difficulties of remaining unbiased, and I understand that there are inside jokes that creep into the paper.

Allowing opinions and inside jokes to permeate the paper, however, is unfair to our campus community.

I know most of the staff prides itself on *The Rotunda*, and it would be great if the rest of the campus felt the same.

Sincerely,
-Jennifer Dize

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The Rotunda is an equal opportunity volunteer organization and is looking for people who are interested in writing or layout. We currently have positions available and ask anyone who is interested to come to our meetings, Mondays at 9:15 p.m.

"If you're not mad, you're not paying attention!"

The "Activist" is your outlet for battling social injustice and things that suck. This is your chance to do something about societal evils, instead of just whining about them. So speak up and act up. Because, if you're not mad, you're not paying attention. E-mail Activist ideas to rotunda@longwood.edu.

A New Low for the NBA, Yet Again

Shawn Slotke
Staff Writer

The now-famous Indiana Pacers and Detroit Pistons brawl between fans and players on November 19, 2004 seems to be an illustration of the new low in professional sports.

For a player to attack another player or a fan is unacceptable.

For a fan to throw anything from the stands at a player is also unacceptable.

There is an absolute lack of responsibility on the part of the athletes, as well as the fans involved in professional sports.

What has happened to our moral code of conduct to allow these types of behaviors?

What originally started as a fight between Indiana Pacers star Ron Artest and Ben Wallace of the Detroit Pistons blew-up into the most outrageous display of violence ever witnessed by the NBA.

Wallace went in for a lay-up and was fouled hard from behind by Artest.

Wallace then shoved Artest and both benches leaped into action, throwing punches until referees and coaches broke up the fight.

Artest seemed to be calmed down as he went to lay on the scorer's table when he was struck with a thrown object from the stands.

He charged into the stands and began to violently attack the fan who he suspected threw something at him.

Police, fans, and players tried to restrain Artest as he continued his violent rampage.

For his actions, Artest is suspended from the NBA for the remainder of the season (at the time, 73 games) resulting in the longest suspension in NBA history.

This suspension is without pay, and it is estimated that he will lose around \$5 million.

This is certainly not a first time the 25 year-old guard has been in trouble.

Artest has been suspended for a total of 10 times by either the Pacers or the NBA since he entered the league in 1999.

Two years ago he destroyed a television camera in Madison Square Gardens and was ordered to pay the \$100,000 cost of the camera.

He was suspended twice last year and 5 times during the 2002-2003 season.

In addition to these suspensions, Artest was ordered to take anger management classes.

Artest was recently interviewed by Matt Lauer of *The Today Show*.

During this interview, Artest never apologized for his actions. "I just wish it never would never have happened," was all he said.

Well, that's a nice daydream.

When Lauer asked Artest what he thought the consequences of his actions should be, he could not even give a rational idea of a punishment.

He said, "it's too many games" but couldn't come up with a fair number of games for a suspension.

Artest fully denied any responsibility for himself, and instead he shifted blame to fans by adding, "this is the third time I've been hit by something."

During the interview, Artest plugged his forthcoming rap album in an effort to do some early promoting.

This selfish promoting of the album demonstrates a nonchalant attitude and a failure to accept responsibility.

Whether he wants to be or not, Artest is a role model to children, and particularly to young athletes.

During the interview with Matt Lauer, Artest was asked what he would say to young children who witnessed his violence.

Artest (who has four children of his own) replied, "Ya know, just try

to move on. Ya gotta keep things positive."

Nowhere in his answer did he say, "Accept the consequences of your actions," or, "fighting is not the right thing to do."

Here again, is a blatant disregard for accepting responsibility.

Artest's actions during this brawl were embarrassing for the NBA, the team, his family, and himself.

Was he provoked by fans after being hit by a thrown object?

Yes.

Should this fan also be reprimanded for his actions?

Absolutely.

But under no conditions should any player go into the stands and assault a fan.

The extreme lack of self-control exhibited primarily by Artest, but by other players as well, shows that the NBA needs to make some crucial changes.

A zero-tolerance policy must be taken against any and all players, coaches, referees, and fans in major league and college sporting events.

Zero-tolerance in the NBA should work like this: after a first incident of violence, a player will be suspended with loss of pay.

A second incident results in further suspension, and, finally, a third incident demands expulsion from the league.

Perhaps if Artest had been disciplined more harshly in previous incidences, the brawl might never have happened.

Harsher sanctions for first time outbursts will likely prevent subsequent outbursts from happening.

Although the severity of Artest's punishment might seem extreme, it is, in fact, exactly what is needed to control players.

The same goes for fans.

You throw something, threaten a player, coach or referee or act in an otherwise out of control manner and you should be escorted from the game.

See NBA p. 11

props and drops

The Rotunda would like to encourage anyone and everyone to submit props and drops to rotunda@longwood.edu

Props:

- + To Dr. VanNess for bringing a little sunshine into his students' days.
- + To the Rugby Team for escorting the Drag Show performers.
- + To Midnight Breakfast.
- + To Men's Basketball for making it to overtime.

Drops:

- To commercials that feature dead celebrities.
- To the designated smoking areas on Brock Commons, because they aren't designated.
- To all-nighters.
- To working over Winter break, because that time is for cookies and video games.

Speak Out

Upon the completion of the semester, *The Rotunda* staff speaks out about issues that have been on our minds all the while.

People who tell *The Rotunda* that we should be "ashamed" for printing an opinion should go read their First Amendment again, and be glad that we print everyone's views, even theirs.

-Leslie Smith
Senior



Attending classes is crucial. For many students, if they didn't come to class, they'd run the risk of having their grade lowered, or failing altogether.

-Shawn Garrett
Sophomore



I would like to thank our government for fixing the societal defects by inflicting capitalism, cruelty and apathy onto its members, rendering us the outstanding citizens we are today.

-Janet Jones
Junior



I'm tired of talking about politics, philosophy of religion, and other things. I wanna talk about dancing like a monkey.

-Scott Dill
Senior



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and computer technology, including equipment not usually found at the undergraduate level. This technology includes a 200-megahertz nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer, an atomic absorption spectrometer, an array detector, a rooftop greenhouse for environmental and botanical work, and a Geographic Information Sciences lab with computers to run cartographic, remote sensing and GIS software. It also will contain 23 classrooms and labs, 47 faculty offices, and additional research space.

The greenhouse will be on the back side of the top floor, overlooking Wheeler Mall. "It will extend to a peak above the roof," said Todd Manning, a project manager with the Capital Planning and Construction division in Facilities Management. Directly underneath the greenhouse will be faculty and student lounges on the third floor, and a balcony area on the second floor reminiscent of the second-floor balcony near the entrance to the new Grainger.

"There's lots of technology in this building, including (classroom) labs and research labs, and a tremendous amount of fume hoods," Manning said. "To support research and teaching, they've built in casework: cabinets and drawers with an epoxy top. The casework will have power and data, lab gas, lab

vacuums and lab air built into the casework and the teaching labs. Also, the technology will be a major upgrade in terms of Instructional Technology. There will be teaching lecterns in each of the classroom labs. This is quite different from the current science building, definitely a step up into the 21st century in terms of how they will teach."

The building will have 150,000 feet of network cabling, some 50,000 feet of telephone wiring, and 723 network connections plus 48 wireless connectivity access points, said Mark Kendrick of the IITS staff.

It is anticipated that the four-story, 72,000-square foot facility will be completed during the spring semester. The building contractor is Suitt Construction Company Inc. of Raleigh, North Carolina. The overall cost of the long-awaited project is \$17.6 million. Work on the T-shaped building, which fronts on High Street between Jarman Auditorium and Griffin Boulevard, began in late August of 2003. The new facility will replace Stevens Hall, which dates to 1951. "One unique feature is the arched or half-moon-shaped entrance, which has lots of glass," Manning said.

The first floor, which is the ground floor as one enters from the rear, will have biology labs and classrooms for all five

disciplines in the Department. The second floor, or ground level from the front (High Street) side, will have offices for the Department chair and financial manager, a reception area and classrooms, labs and research space for physics, earth science and geography. The third floor will have faculty offices and biology classrooms, labs and research spaces. The fourth floor will have chemistry and some biology classrooms, labs and research spaces, as well as more faculty offices.

Natural Sciences is probably Longwood's second largest academic department, with 22 full-time tenure track faculty, and 27 faculty when lecturers and adjunct instructors are included, plus three staff members, for a total of 30 persons.

Members of the Natural Sciences faculty, two staffers from the Public Relations office and a Farmville Herald reporter were recently given a tour of the building. The tour was led by Manning and Ray Carrino, project superintendent for the contractor. For a webcam view of construction and the renderings, go to: <http://www.longwood.edu/construction/new-science.htm>.

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Students will also have the opportunity to review and rate academic courses and professors through the Review Center feature. Professors are rated in five categories on a one-five scale, one being the lowest and five being the best. The categories include lecture rating, student effort required, academic value, willingness to help and overall professor rating.

The marketplace feature will serve as a tool for students to find anything and everything. Similar to e-Bay, this service will allow students to post items to sell and search for items to buy.

"I believe the primary benefit the site can offer students is the book exchange," said SGA Treasurer Andy Peterson. "If students utilize the site there is the potential to save upwards of \$200 on books."

In addition to buying and selling textbooks, looking for a ride, and rating a professor, students can voice their opinion on issues affecting the university. Currently, students can visit the My Voice feature and answer questions regarding the no-smoking policy on Brock

Commons and what university residence hall should be torn down. Once the survey time has been completed, students will be able to view the campus-wide results of the surveys.

Even though the site promises to build campus communication, the website is not affiliated with the university. It is privately owned by Conexus Enterprises. There is not a link to LU Connect on the university website.

"We have talked about getting a link posted on the Longwood website but I think the administration will have issues with that due to the schools contract with Barnes & Noble," explained Peterson. "However, we still have more details to learn on that issue."

Students can expect to see more information regarding the features of LUConnect.com early next semester. Until then, the SGA encourages all students to visit the site and register.

"LUConnect is free, LUConnect will save you money, and LUConnect lets the voice of the students be heard," stated Moody.

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If you have questions please contact Sharon Emerson-Stonell, Alpha Lambda Delta faculty advisor.

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Foot in Mouth

By: Ellie Woodruff



Things I like to see #1 : Abortion Protesters Wearing Fur Coats

As the holidays approach, mail volumes get higher, it takes longer for packages to get through the system. The recommended deadlines for sending mail from the United States to all overseas military mailing addresses for the holidays are listed below:
Priority and first-class letters/cards:
Dec. 11 (Dec. 6 for APO 093)
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The World Has Turned and Left Me Here

Mandy Amason
Staff Writer

Dear Mandy,

With exams coming up I am beyond stressed! First of all, I have papers due out the ying yang AND tests that are days before the final! What can I do to relieve some of this stress before I go postal on somebody?!

M.J.

Dear M.J.,

This time of year always sucks

so I don't know why people act so surprised, but, oh well.

Anyway, the best advice that I can give you is take it day-by-day. I mean, honestly, what is there to worry about?

Okay, if you paid attention throughout the school year, you won't be so stuck in the end. For example, I took great notes in Dr. Van Ness' Brit Lit IV class all semester and became deeply involved in his discussions; therefore all I have to do is about a three hour study session for his exam.

Whereas in my Spanish class, which let me just tell you, does not tickle my fancy, I will have to have a serious study crunch for my Spanish class.

Serious.

Anyway, the level of study time for each exam fluctuates according to how hard I worked in the semester.

Lesson to learn: Work a bit harder in the semester, and it will pay off during exam time.

Now, in order to relax... watch movies, hang out with friends, and, yes, study a little bit

every night starting NOW.

Now, I know this is going to be hard, especially for a Longwood student, but no parties until the work is done.

GASP!!!!

I know, it's drastic, but you can do it.

If you feel yourself having withdrawals, and craving party

scene, then you are more than likely an alcoholic, and you need to lay off of it anyway.

Good luck, and remember to SHOW UP to the exam, because that's half the battle.

Until next time boys and girls,
Mandy Amason

Thank You!

The Brothers of Phi Mu Alpha and the Career Center for Volunteer/Service & Learning would like to thank all the organizations and individuals who donated baskets or goods to Operation Turkey this year. Longwood students, faculty and staff made Operation Turkey a success this Thanksgiving! Due to your generosity, sixty families in the Farmville area and Prince Edward County were able to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal.

The Longwood University Peer Helpers would like to extend their deepest thanks to the students and faculty/staff of Longwood for their continued support in the Angel Tree Project this year. Due to generous contributions, Peer Helpers were able to successfully adopt and purchase for over 700 people in the Farmville community who lack the necessary funds to create a Christmas of their town.

Those before us have challenged us to live. One day, in the Rotunda, we challenge you to do the same. Perhaps our existence is over, but we want to leave a mark on you, and make a lasting impression. Please, visit The Rotunda with your experiences and suggestions. We would be honored.

Carpe Diem

I remember when midnight didn't exist. I remember when one a.m. was a far away place inhabited only by train whistles, rain, men on the run. But even they would be gone by two. Three a.m. was the stuff of legend, mythical, a field where all the animals left behind by the ark stood grazing, silent in the moonlight.

We slipped into world of our sleep, and knew nothing of these days. Cars go by, someone laughs, and we watch as the smoke from our fingertips rises into a darkness we never would dream of, an hour that has no name.

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Dear Editor,

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I was walking on the commons the other day when I told 'this person' that smoking isn't allowed on the commons. I didn't tell 'this person' to throw it away right now, or to leave. I just wanted to advise 'this person' that three people were pointing to him and dodging his cancer trail. I just wanted to give 'this person' a heads up.

'This person' didn't appreciate it, in fact 'this person' not only spit at me but spewed your snot on my foot. It just so happened I was wearing my favorite pair of Birkenstocks. You probably noticed but you hit my pinky toe. In fact you doused it in your saliva. This is all because I didn't ask you to do anything but take pride in your community.

I don't know what hurt me most, the fact I had my favorite sandals disgraced or the fact you didn't pay me a lick of respect

for having the balls to ask you to put it out.

Let me tell you what's worse, I don't hold it against you. The faculty of the business department (yes, I said it, called them out) think the front of their building is their perch to smoke. I believe your perch is a floor down on the back side. Why don't you just hit the lower elevator button next time.

Do I have to drape a banner over Lankford Student Union? Do we need to start giving tickets? Do we need to write people up for littering there butts?

One more question, what makes this person better than the rules? I don't like to tell people not to smoke, but I find a new energy every time I see cigarette butts outside the dining hall, 5 ft. from a trashcan. Every time I have to share my air in a smoke free area, I get in a royally pissed off mood to a dimension of pissed off I have never been before.. It's cause you don't treat me with respect to follow the same rules I follow on the grounds we share.

Kudos to those who recognize

the rules and smoke in their huts and in there zones. I applaud you, respect you and I will sit out there with you if you want someone to talk to when your craving hits at 3 a.m.

Once again, to the person who spit on my toe. I watched you walk away; I watched you smoke every last bit of that cigarette. Then I watched you throw it on the ground. So I'm asking you to have the balls to admit it was you and not do it again. That's all you need to do to fix your mistake.

The saddest part of this isn't that I'm going to stop taking pride in my school and my community. It's not that I'm going to stop telling people to keep our grounds clean of cigarette butts. I will never stop doing that. The sad part is I'm going to have to stop wearing my "birks" on the commons. I'm really going to miss those things.

Thanks to everyone who helped in the no smoking health awareness week.

Sincerely,
Kyle Pretsch

Second Annual Drag Show

Janet Jones
Copy Editor

Last Friday evening the town of Farmville was given the opportunity to witness some of the most attractive individuals that have ever graced the presence of Longwood University. Yes, this is in reference to the Divas that performed in Unity Alliance's 2nd annual Drag Show. UA hired professional Divas from Virginia Beach, Charlottesville, Richmond and even Farmville to excite our viewing pleasure.

WMLU provided the DJ and UA provided their own MC's. Leslie Smith, John Lee and Susan South, all members of Unity Alliance and all dressed in drag, introduced the Divas when they made their way out to perform.

These ladies were escorted in by members of the men's rugby team, who were attired in mere scrum shorts and a bow tie. Do not be fooled by the stereotypical judgment of men who dress like women looking ridiculous.

The Divas looked magnificent and really knew how to dance. Not "dancing" like a typical Longwood student would see at a frat party, but moving in unbelievable ways, making one question where they put everything. The rainbow room of Wynn was encompassed with astonishing splits, flips and, well there are no

words.

It was obvious that the crowd was pleased by the countless dollars being offered, dancing all over their room and squeals of joy heard throughout Wynn. Not only Longwood students enjoyed this event, but faculty, staff and other members of the Farmville community were present to support the Divas.

Unity Alliance put on this event to educate the community about the severity of AIDS. They wanted to open their eyes to a different way of life in a non pedantic, entertaining fashion.

Throughout the show, members of UA shared facts about HIV/AIDS, inclusive of preventative methods, statistics of infected Americans and how rapidly this disease is spreading, especially among women.

Peer Helpers contributed to the Drag Show, also discussing the importance of safe sex and birth control. They performed a demonstration of how to correctly open and put on a male condom. Female condoms and dental dams were also shown and given explanations of their proper use.

So the next time a Drag Show opportunity knocks, don't be so skeptical. It could lead to an important informational session and unexpected inspiration.

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Company of Dancers Is "Keep 'n The Rhythm"

Shawn Slotke
Staff Writer

As the weather cools down, The Longwood Company of Dancers is about to heat up the stage.

The Company is putting on the finishing touches this week for their annual winter concert.

This year, the concert "Keep 'n the rhythm" will be held December 10 and 11 at 7:30 in Jarman. The cost is \$3.

"There is a lot of variety in the concert," said sophomore choreographer Karen Weiss. "We have everything from Nine Inch Nails to Frank Sinatra."

With such a wide range in music selection, each dance promises to be new and electrifying. Choreographers find their inspirations from anywhere; music, a friend or family member or just a feeling.

Aimee Bolton, another sophomore choreographer, explained how the Company works together to choreograph their dances. Bolton said, "Each choreographer has their strengths and their own personal style. They choose the dancers that they think would

do best in their dance."

Bolton added that any dancer can begin choreographing after two semesters in the Company.

Each choreographer holds practice for one hour a week for each dance they choreograph. Along with the movement, choreographers decide what costumes each dancer should wear.

The costumes need to reflect what the dancers are trying to convey to the audience.

Weiss and Bolton are two of the 20 dancers who combine their strengths and abilities to form a dedicated and talented group.

The Company practices up to four hours a day, making sure every detail is perfect. This busy schedule demands that all the dancers, and especially the choreographers, have excellent time management skills. With such dedication to dance and each other, it is no wonder that the Company is so close.

Weiss described, with a smile, saying, "We spend

so much time together, from practice to trips. We're really close, just like a family."

This closeness is one of the

Virginia Physical Education Health Education Recreation and Dance (VAPHERD)

Convention in Northern Virginia, as well as local public schools.

February is a particularly busy month for the Company, because they perform at Prince Edward County Schools for Black History month.

This challenging schedule continues to unify them in their commitment to the program.

The talent and determination of the Company makes for a bright future.

Several dancers would like to see the return of a dance minor. Mary Morrison, a senior who started with the

Company in fall 2001, is the last person to finish dance as a minor. "I would love to see a minor again, because I think it would attract more girls to the school. A major would be amazing, but a minor would be a good start."

With a strong emphasis on individual and group talent development, the Company participates in several activities that aim to do this.

Weiss says that, "just being together makes us better. You see what other dancers are doing, and you get better too."

As a group, the Company attends workshops and professional dance concerts. Stretching and weight lifting are also incorporated into the activities of some individual dancers.

Dedication, hard work and outstanding choreography has led the Longwood Company of Dancers to a successful year so far. "Keep 'n the rhythm" will provide an energetic end to the semester for the Company and the Longwood community.



Photo provided by the Longwood Company of Dancers.

reasons why the Company is so successful.

They have preformed at the

Memories of the Rotunda - Sponsored by Alumni Relations

From Ann "Jackie" Pond, Class of 1957

This is a continuous reminder from my brothers of my behavior while at Longwood. On RAT DAY my freshman year, I decided to decorate the Rotunda in toilet tissue. With great precision, I tied lengths of tissue to a post and then tied to the opposite post. In great fun, wheels with spokes were fashioned on second and third floors. All this hung gracefully over the head of the sitting statue of Joan of Arc. And I decided to do it again during RAT DAY my sophomore year. I was "campused" a week for that one.

The rededication on the Rotunda will be on April 23, 2005.

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Men Fall to Undefeated Hofstra Pride

Kyle Martin
Staff Writer

The men's basketball team lost their ninth straight game Wednesday night in overtime to the Virginia Military Institute (VMI) Keydets. The 69-64 defeat to the Keydets is crucial to the men's team's morale as they begin a challenging eight-game stretch with only one home game.

The eighth game of the season against Hofstra University challenged the men's basketball team Monday night. "This is the best team we've played so far," sophomore guard Maurice Sumter said. However, Longwood received their eighth loss of the season and was unable to contend with Hofstra's leading scorer, Loren Stokes, who averaged 19 points per game prior to Monday's contest.

In the first half, the Hofstra Pride jumped out to a quick start with Aurimas Kieza's three-pointer in the first minute of play. Within the first seven minutes of the contest Hofstra led Longwood with a 14-5 score, but the Lancers answered back and cut the deficit to five on Michael Jefferson's jumper with 11:50 remaining in the half. However, the Pride scored the next seven points to take a twelve-point advantage with 7:07 left in the half. Sophomore guard Husein Pistoljevic scored six quick points in 74 seconds, on two-three pointers to lead the Lancers in scoring for the half. The Pride steadily increased their advantage to take a 37-23 lead at halftime.

Sumter, impressed by Hofstra's shooting effort said, "I think in the first half we came out prepared. They hit some petty good shots."

Hofstra's Loren Stokes led the team in scoring for the half with 11 points while the team shot 42% field goals.

Head Coach Mike Gillian recognized a different advantage Hofstra had, besides shooting percentages. "A lot of that came from effort plays. They had 11 offensive rebounds at halftime to our 4," Coach Gillian said.

Longwood managed 31% field goals in the half, with sophomore guard Michael Jefferson and freshman forward Lamar Barrett scoring four points each in addition to Pistoljevic's six points.

After the break, Hofstra started the second half similar to the first half. The Pride opened the first four minutes of the half with an 11-5 scoring run, to maintain a 20-point lead over the Lancers. With 16:15 remaining in the game, Stokes, Hofstra's leading scorer, received his fourth personal foul. As a result, he went to the bench, allowing the Lancers to slice the lead. Pistoljevic hit his third three-pointer of the game with 13:54 remaining to start the comeback for Longwood. The Lancers scored 20 points in four minutes and 34 seconds to cut Hofstra's lead to 15 points. Holding a 64-49 lead with 7:51 remaining in the game, Hofstra outscored Longwood 14-7 with Michael Radziejewski hitting two baskets late in the contest to secure a 78-56 victory for the Pride.

Gillian noticed a complete change in offensive rebounding in the second half. "When you look at the second half, it was completely opposite. We out-rebounded them with 12 offensive rebounds to their 4.

Although we did get the effort on the offensive rebounds, they only needed 24 shots to make their 13 hoops. They were more efficient in the half," Gillian said.

Longwood finished the game with 33% field goals, led by Michael Jefferson's team-high 11 points. Pistoljevic finished with 9 points and shot 3 for 5 from three-point range. Hofstra's Loren Stokes and Michael Radziejewski each scored a game-high 19 points with Hofstra having four players scoring in double figures.

Before the Lancers take a break for exams before heading to the Northwestern Mutual Shootout on Friday in San Francisco. The Lancers will begin the tournament against host San Francisco. Also participating in the tournament are UC Davis and Saint Joseph's.

Sumter remains confident in the team's potential success. "It's definitely time to get (win) number one," stated Sumter.

Sumter's classmate, Pistoljevic agreed saying, "Who likes losing? You've got to keep your head up and keep pushing. It's part of life. You can't always win."

The Lancers next home game is against Howard which will be held the Saturday after exams.

NBA cont'd p. 3

Just because you paid for your ticket does not mean you have the right to be obnoxious. If you commit another act of violence during any subsequent games, you will be permanently banned from attending games for that team. If you are so dumb as to commit three violent aggressive acts, you will be suspended from attending any NBA game. In addition, legal charges should be sanctioned against fans that are out of control. Assault charges are currently being issued to the fans that provoked Artest to fight.

Players and fans alike need to elevate their level of decorum at sporting events. Fans need to respect that while athletes are playing they are doing their job. Would a fan like it if someone came into their accounting firm (for example) and threw something at them? Certainly not. Therefore, they need to have the same level of respect for athletes while they are playing the game. However, a fan's irrational behavior in no way excuses a player from their own rationality.

As athletes are role models, they must accept the full weight and privilege that comes with being a professional athlete.

Hopefully this incident will enlighten both players and fans to their responsibilities. "Yes I was involved in this fight and I was wrong," is what Artest should have said to accept the responsibility for his out of control actions. "What I did was wrong and it will not happen again," also would be an appreciated acceptance of his guilt.

Perhaps the most compelling argument against Artest is in response to his Today Show interview. "I never harmed nobody for my other suspensions, I never took it out on a person, just a camera or whatever." This man is actually proud (his exact word) that he was only violent with inanimate objects, not real people. A person with this rational should not be allowed to continue their career as a professional athlete.

The NBA has a responsibility to protect the players and the fans at all games. Players have the responsibility to play fair and to respect all coaches, refs and fans. And finally fans have the responsibility to respect the players and be positive supporters. All of these people should be working together, not against each other. Mutual respect must be demanded for professional sports to continue.

Meldere Finds the 1000/1000 Club Tuesday

Patrick Sullivan
Sports Editor

The Longwood women's basketball team's latest game against Robert Morris University (RMU) has given them at least a little reason to smile despite the final score of 66-54 favoring RMU.

Regardless of the sorrowing loss to the Colonials, December 7, 2004 will go down positively in Longwood history. Heading in to the game with Lancer record of 998-career rebound, senior forward Marita Meldere need only two more boards to set the impressive landmark of becoming the first female basketball player to reach 1000 rebounds in a Lancer uniform.

Meldere ended the game with 11 rebounds, 3 offensive and 8 defensive, and nine points which is below her average of 13.9 rebounds and 12.7 points per game, both of which lead the

Lancers.

The '60 native of Rujiena, Latvia has started six of the seven Longwood games and registered five double figure-scoring games while leading the Lancers in points in five games. Meldere has also led the team in rebounds 6 times while tallying four double-doubles in the process.

Valerie Turner, who posted 917 rebounds in her career as a Lancer, was the previous holder of the Longwood women's basketball career rebound record. On the first game of the season against Winthrop, Meldere passed the former Lancer record holder for career rebounds.

Meldere's best game of the season came during the Lancers win against Norfolk State where she put up 18 points and snagged 19 rebounds. Meldere has scored 89 points and 97 rebounds so far this season

bringing her career totals to 1009 rebound and 1265 points in her career as a Lancer.

Weekly Trivia

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Gillian Graduate From?
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- 3rd - Rod Wilson

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Longwood Makes Plans for New Apartment Complex

Charis Fimiani, Hope Hollenbeck, Lori Ashmore, Jimmy Vickers, Steve Reeves
Guest Writers

In fall of 2006, 400 students will be able to live in up-scale apartments above a new shopping center within walking distance of campus if a proposal is approved following a February 1 public hearing.

Plans for the largest project ever undertaken by Longwood call for demolition of the Farmville Shopping Center across Main Street that houses 25 stores, including the Longwood Bookstore and The Gym.

The \$20 million project will create four buildings. The top three floors will house Longwood students with the first floor reserved for commercial businesses.

Because it is a partnership among private companies, "tuition will not be raised," said Richard Bratcher, the VP of Facilities Management and Technology.

The developers are borrowing the money to build the complex; the Longwood Real Estate Foundation will be buying the property. Longwood University will then lease the space from the Real Estate Foundation; therefore the buildings will be paid for using the rent from students living in them and the businesses located on the first floor.

The new endeavor, referred to as the Bluestone project, will be developed and built by Bluestone Land LLC and Pinnacle Construction.

The residential part will mainly consist of four bedroom apartments, with two bathrooms and a common area. Each apartment will include air-conditioning, a dishwasher, and a washer and dryer. It is expected to be competitively priced with existing off-campus living.

The new construction will be a big change for Farmville. Bratcher feels that with the new complex, "Longwood will be a nicer place to live and will be able to recruit and maintain more students." Bratcher also said that

this would help the town of Farmville. "We are taking a retail area that is past its prime and, hopefully, upgrading it."

Other college towns have undergone similar changes, and this combination of a retail and housing complex has been successful at other Virginia institutions, including The College of William and Mary, Old Dominion University and Christopher Newport University.

"We're not re-inventing the wheel, so to speak. We're duplicating the wheel, and we're confident that the project will be successful," said Ken Copeland, Director of the Small Business Development Center.

"As I understand it, the town is extremely excited about it," said Larry Robertson, Longwood's Director of Residential and Commuter Life.

Farmville has approved the plans and will be holding a public forum on February 15th. The forum will allow townspeople and students to learn about and discuss the new project, as well as voice any related concerns.



Artist's rendition of the Bluestone project - LU news Release

Housing Project Approved at Hearing

Jimmy Vickers
Guest Writer

"I want your money," said a townspeople to Longwood in a public hearing Tuesday night concerning a zoning proposal regarding Longwood's \$20 million housing/retail project.

While many concerns were aired during this town meeting, each citizen stressed their support of Longwood's housing/retail complex. One Farmville resident's concern was Longwood's possible tax exemption in this project and how that could affect the town. "I don't want my town to suffer because of this project."

Ken Copeland, Director of the Small Business Development

Center, assured the resident that the retail floors would be taxed. "At worse case, the town is no worse off than it is now," Copeland said. Hunter Watson, a Farmville business owner, assured everyone at the meeting that Longwood had his entire confidence by saying, "Longwood is the driving force behind this town." Watson said, "I urge you to support this Institution [Longwood University] any way possible."

After hearing a dozen people's comments, the council unanimously approved the proposal to modify the zoning requirements, paving the way for the project to proceed. A February 15th hearing is scheduled.

Executive Series: Marge M. Connelly, Capital One Executive Vice President

Kent Booty
Office of Public Relations

Marge M. Connelly, executive vice president for Capital One Financial Corporation, will be Executive-in-Residence in Longwood University's College of Business & Economics on Monday, Feb. 7.

Connelly, a member of Longwood's Board of Visitors, will speak at 7 p.m. in Hiner Auditorium (207) on The U.S. Credit Card Industry, in which she has nearly 20 years' experience. She is the third speaker in the fourth annual Executive-in-Residence series, which is sponsored by SunTrust.

Connelly, who works at the

firm's primary location in Richmond, is responsible for Capital One's U.S. credit card operations, including customer service, collections, recoveries, cross-selling and fraud.

She joined Capital One in 1994, shortly before it spun off as an independent entity (it had been the credit card division of Signet Bank).

The Fortune 500 company



One of Computerworld's "Top IT Leaders" to visit Longwood.

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(ranked 200) is one of the largest consumer financial services companies in the country, with 47.2 billion accounts and \$75.5 billion in outstanding managed loans.

"Over the last 50 years, the credit card industry has undergone tremendous change, growing from a one size-

fits-all approach to the diversified industry of today," Connelly

said.

"As the times have changed, so have the challenges; consumers receive more offers and respond less, consumer loyalty is low, and the industry is growing at a slower rate. Debit cards and electronic payments are also exerting pressure on the industry."

Active in the community, Connelly chairs the Virginia Workforce Council, is past president of the Central Virginia Foodbank, and serves on numerous boards, including the CJW Medical Center and the Greater Richmond Partnership.

She has earned several accolades, including selection as one

of Computerworld's "Top IT Leaders," one of Future Banker's "Hottest CIOs of 2001," and one of the Greater Richmond's YWCA's "Outstanding Women of the Year."

Last summer she was appointed to a four-year term on the Longwood Board of Visitors by Governor Mark Warner.

She is a native of Horseheads, New York, and a graduate of the University of Delaware.

The next speaker in the Executive-in-Residence series will be John R. Donovan, president of ARAMARK Business Sports & Entertainment, on March 1.

Words from the Editor: In Which We Say Goodbye



ber.

Starting with the very first issue of my freshman year until today, I have devoted my life to this newspaper.

And now, I seem to be out of spirit. Out of heart. Out of words.

I've spent the morning looking through the aforementioned issues of *The Rotunda*, reading the final words of editors before me. It appears that they, too, were not sure what to say.

What I really found were the little things. George's farewell after seven years at Longwood. Pictures from Spring Weekend that make me positive that the blue sky outside is warm and inviting, rather than the bitter cold of early February. A staff box full of names that I'm

ashamed to admit that I had forgotten, but that brought back the fondest of memories.

Six paragraphs in, and I'm already crying.

When I was a senior in high school, I cried while writing my final essay for a newspaper project. My sister sat in the room we shared and made fun of me. "Only you would cry over a newspaper," she said, as I desperately tried to wipe the tears from my face. Maybe she's right. I'm sure she'd say it again if she saw me right now.

But when you're just shy of twenty-two, and your life has revolved around something for almost ten of those years, leaving it behind is a big deal. Even if it's the right thing to do at the time.

My friend Howie told me that a job is something we do, not who we are. But I can't believe him. For almost four years, *The Rotunda* has been my all.

Freshman year, it was the reason I stuck with Longwood.

Long nights watching *Must See TV*, eating pizza from the café (when it was still Pizza Hut), smoking on the loading dock, and being taken in by upperclassmen secured me a spot on a campus, where I was positive I would never fit in.

Sophomore year, it gave me the best friends I've had on this campus.

Junior year, it provided safety and comfort as so many things changed.

And now in my senior year, *The Rotunda* has given me the courage to move on.

But there are nights I hope never to forget. Finding the framed front page from the first time the paper ran under the name *The Rotunda* (six issues after the paper started in 1920). The day I realized my obsession for *ER*, after seven years of teasing people for liking it. Dance parties and fun Nazis. Leaving the office at two in

the morning, only to get a phone call at six from Dani saying they had finally finished the last issue of the semester, and, let's go to breakfast. Sneaking Nestle into the office. Beauty pageant preparations. Staff dinners and rushing to get coffee before the café closed for the night. Distribution to friendly faces that eagerly awaited the latest Longwood news.

As the only remaining staff member from the 2001-2002 school year, I've been witness to some of the best changes this newspaper has seen. I also get to play the back-in-my-day game more often than most.

In four years, we've gone through four advisors, four editors, and two departments. We've fluctuated from a staff of many to a staff of few and back again. I am absolutely convinced of the current staff's ability to continue along the positive route of change.

I know that Bobbi will work as hard as all the women who have come before her.

For now, I will watch *Murphy Brown* reruns on Nick-at-Nite, wondering what could have been. But soon, that too will fade, and I will finish my senior year with the fervor it deserves.

I hope to eventually bury myself deep in creative writing - the only thing I've loved longer than journalism. We'll see what the roads ahead have to offer.

Thank you to everyone who has helped me along the way. I appreciate it more than I can put into words right now.

Cue the montage and role the credits; it's time for me to go.

All the best,

Amy Whipple

Amy Whipple
Editor-in-Chief

The World Outside the U.S Matters

U-Wire

Young people in Ukraine, the largest state on the western border of Russia, realized it was time to protect their democratic future, and, in the last two months, some fought for a change.

The Ukrainian "Orange Revolution" demonstrated that people should stand up for their beliefs and appreciate every opportunity.

It also reminded young people across the world that they should always keep an eye on international events, which could influence foreign relations and U.S. policy.

The revolution, named after the color of Victor Yushchenko's party, Our Ukraine, ignited after fraudulent elections.

In November, the electoral commission announced the new president Moscow-backed Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich.

Observers of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, however, called the election turnouts "highly suspicious and unrealistic."

As a result, supporters of the Western-leaning Yushchenko poured into the streets.

Demonstrations continued until last Sunday when the new president, Victor Yushchenko, was sworn in.

Although the elections are done,

students should continue following the events in the region.

Changes in the Ukrainian government will influence future U.S.-Russian relations.

The relationship between the United States and Russia has been one of cooperation determined by self-interest.

In the last four years, the U.S. foreign policy team ignored internal matters of the Russian state such as lack of democratic institutions, free press and human rights.

Yet, with Ukraine, the United States had to take a stand.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said that Washington was "deeply disturbed by the extensive and credible reports of fraud."

Support for Yushchenko was clear, as were the conflicting views

of President George W. Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Another factor that might shake the Bush-Putin relationship is the recent U.S. interest in new military bases in Eastern Europe, namely Bulgaria and Romania.

This poses a question of whether the United States would take advantage of another strategically-positioned country, which would enhance NATO's capabilities.

Ukraine has partnership agreements with the EU and NATO, but is not a member.

The goal of Ukraine's new president is to incorporate the state into modern Europe, and so, he might also lead Ukraine into NATO.

Yet, Russia has always viewed Ukraine as one of its satellites and it is likely that Putin would try to prevent U.S. presence on Ukrainian territory.

On the other hand, as BBC world correspondents write, events on the western border of Russia could influence future liberalization of the state.

Since January, President Putin has

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Yet Another Consequence of Warfare

Janet Jones
Copy Editor

Last week, while reading the *Washington Post*, I noticed an article by Bradley Graham entitled, "Pentagon Prepares to Rethink Focus on Conventional Warfare."

This topic has always held my interest, so I began reading, only to become infuriated with what I read.

Apparently, it is true that the American government engaged in warfare with inadequate funding, people, support, or evidence.

I (and I know I am not alone) have been suspiciously aware of these circumstances from the beginning.

I seem to recall that whenever I voiced this opinion, rather than listening, it was much simpler for someone to make the clever comment, "You're a stupid liberal, hippie and you don't know what you're talking about."

Admitting failure is certainly not easy, but it is not a cure for this problem.

Saying, "I'm sorry," doesn't change the past.

It does not change the fact that, "The Bush administration affirmed that basic notion in its first year, calling for U.S. forces to be ready to ensure 'swift defeat'

and 'decisive victory' in major combat operations against national armies" (Graham).

It is now 2005 and we are still terrified of the sight of turbans, men and women are still finding their demise in the name of the war on terror, and we are still in Iraq. The free election has successfully taken place, so why are we still invading?

It is acknowledged that our current situation is not pleasant, nor is it what was anticipated.

However, it does not end here.

In Graham's article, he writes, "This intensified push for change comes at a time when the Iraq conflict and war on terrorism have badly taxed the U.S. military, especially the Army, requiring more forces and longer deployments than anticipated and highlighting shortfalls in U.S. capabilities."

So the deficit is up, America has made a whole new directory of enemies, unnecessary lives are being taken and it's not even close to being over.

Not only did this plan of action fail, but as always, there are other problems that must be dealt with.

Graham also touches on this

in his article: "...defense officials now acknowledge that such goals have not fit either the Iraq situation or the anti-terrorism campaign."

"Nor are they applicable to other potential crises that Pentagon policymakers have begun to take more seriously."

"These scenarios cover a range of unconventional possibilities, including the collapse of a nuclear-armed state, such as Pakistan or North Korea, and the disruption by enemies of key technologies on which U.S. forces rely, such as satellite navigation signals."

While all of our troops are away "civilizing the natives" (this sounds strangely familiar to *Heart of Darkness*), our country has other, more threatening problems to contend with.

Not only will this leave the military short-handed, but the problem of funding is going to arise.

When the Pentagon reallocates its prerogatives, according to Graham, "this evolution in strategy could have significant budgetary consequences, officials said."

The deficit and debts from Iraq are mounting with each passing moment.

In order to fix this horrible problem, much more money and support are going to be needed. These are both going to be scarce, especially with upcoming plans to invade Iran.

I understand that America is prideful and that the leader of our country does not want to admit that he has made a hasty mistake, especially right before his election, but how far is this going to have to go?

Why does the answer seem to be: if we can't get our way, let's eliminate (kill) the problem?

This way of thinking is not accepted in any other situation, except that of the name of war.

Ostensibly then people aren't people; they become symbols of oil, land, pride, money or power.

props and drops

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- + To the first sunshine in what seems like forever.
- + To democratic elections in Iraq.
- + To *American Dad* premiering on Fox after the Superbowl.
- + To fantasizing about poundcake.
- + To being the "Twister-Flipper-Folder-Upper."

Drops:

- To splattering sneezes.
- To twenty plus deaths during the Iraqi elections.
- To "Gizmo," the robot.
- To websites that aren't updated.
- To parking tickets on registered guest cars.

Speak Out

Why are you a Republican?



I agree with the values that Republicans represent and I agree with their policies.

-Farley Reynolds
Freshman



Because that's how my family is and that's just the idea they instilled in me.

-Brett Jones
Freshman



I believe in small government and I think that I can do a better job at giving my money to those in need than the government can.

-Craig Smith
Junior



I don't believe in abortion.

-Michael Comeloro
Sophomore

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faced rare criticism and street demonstrations.

No matter what turn Russian politics take, Eastern Europe has changed and so will U.S. foreign policy.

Therefore, it is important to remember that change comes from the inside, and no matter where it occurs, it will influence the global political agenda.

Today, international leaders have the ability to affect the life of every person.

Also, the United States is the world's strongest military power, and U.S. citizens can influence

the lives of people who are thousands of miles away.

Thus, as an educated person who has the right to vote, every college student must stay informed.

Students should take advantage of the various information sources.

They should appreciate the opportunity to go to school in a free state and be exposed to different perspectives.

It is a student's civic duty to form an opinion and express it.

Because, as the Ukrainians showed once again, there is no way people can be heard if they do not raise their voices.

Textbook Prices Soar; Legislation on the Way to Offset Cost

Vanessa Maltin
U-Wire

The cost of college textbooks has increased at nearly four times the rate of inflation since 1994, costing students upwards of \$900 per academic year, according to a study released Tuesday by the State Public Interest Research Groups.

The study, which surveyed textbook prices at 59 public and private universities across the country, found that students are paying more than one fifth the cost of tuition at a public four-year university for textbooks, 62 percent more than they paid ten years ago.

"This report shows that publishers use needless new editions and gimmicks to drive up the cost of textbooks," said Luke Swarthout, a higher education

associate with the State PIRGs. "The losers in this scam are students who will have a harder time paying for college."

Price increases usually occur when publishers print a new edition of a textbook. Purchasing a new textbook costs students an average of 45 percent more than an older edition used book.

Bundling, the practice of attaching CD-ROMs or workbooks to textbooks also increases the price by about 47 percent.

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said at a press conference that he is deeply concerned by how much students and parents are paying today for textbooks.

"Textbook prices are going up, up and up," Schumer said, adding that his daughter spent \$900 on textbooks her first year in college. "The old laws of supply and demand don't work when it comes to textbook pricing."

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Students have to buy them or they lose a fundamental part of their education."

To assist parents and students

with the rising cost of textbooks, Schumer said he will introduce legislation this year that will provide up to a \$1,000 tax deduction from federal income taxes for the cost of textbooks.

"For the first time ever, this proposal would let parents or

students deduct the cost of their books from their taxes," he said. "This means real dollars and real savings for middle class families who have to beg and borrow to send their kids to college."

Katherine Imp, a sophomore at the University of Maryland at College Park, said she believes students are being ripped off when they purchase textbooks.

"We have to buy new, more expensive books with fancy CDs that never get used," she said. "Then at the end of the semester we can't sell them back to the bookstore, so we lose all of the money."

Imp said that at times students can't afford to buy a book on their own and are forced to choose between sharing with friends and using the one copy for the whole class in the library.

"This is a terrible dilemma to

face during the learning process," she said. "Textbook publishers should address the impact their rising prices are having on struggling college students."

Swarthout said that the State PIRGs are calling on the publishing industry to adopt "best practice" policies that would ensure that publishers keep production costs as low as possible while retaining educational value.

Bruce Hildebrand, a spokesman for the Association of American Publishers, said that new versions of textbooks are printed because professors want their students having access to the most up to date information possible.

"We are suppliers who work with professors who tell us what they need," he said. "We compete to the toenail to provide the best possible products to meet students needs."

Millions of Iraqis Vote in Free Election

Patrick Trate
News Editor

On Sunday, January 29th, nearly two years after the ousting of Saddam Hussein, the people of Iraq took part in the country's first free election in over fifty years.

Despite heavy threats from insurgent groups, voter turnout proved to be much stronger than expected.

Early numbers estimate that close to 60 percent of Iraq's voting population participated, giving the election the international credibility that was needed.

For months in advance, Sunni insurgents condemned the election, hoping to invalidate the U.S. backed effort toward democracy in Iraq.

Some experts feared insurgent attacks would overwhelm polling stations, leaving thousands dead and nullifying the results.

Yet despite persistent fighting and suicide bombings that left 44 dead, millions of Iraqis turned out.

The relative peace of the election was maintained jointly by American and Iraqi security forces who protected polling sta-

tions and maintained roadway check points.

Sunday also marked the end of a counter-insurgency offensive that lasted more than two weeks.

Pentagon officials are hoping the success of the election means insurgent forces have been significantly weakened.

Though results are still being tallied, it is clear that this election marks an important step

"The people of Iraq have spoken to the world, and the world is hearing the voice of freedom from the center of the Middle East."

- President Bush

toward establishing democracy in Iraq.

As President Bush stated Monday during a televised speech, "The people of Iraq have spoken to the world, and the world is hearing the voice of freedom from the center of the Middle East."

Indeed, many voters were elated on Sunday, openly celebrating and singing as more and more people flocked into polling stations.

Shiites, who make up the

majority of Iraq's population, were particularly jubilant as they finally have a chance for that majority to be represented in government.

What remains less clear is the role that America's military should now play in the country.

President Bush is hailing the election as a triumphant success for his foreign policy. White House officials are expected to hail the election as proof of the efficacy of the military's "nation building" efforts, despite the loss of over 1,400 American soldiers in Iraq to date.

Democrats, on the other hand, are suggesting that the time has finally come to end the atmosphere of occupation in Iraq.

Senator Ted Kennedy has even called for President Bush to present a clear timeline for military withdrawal now that the democratic process has begun.

With Iraqi election results being released within the week and with the President Bush's State of the Union address scheduled for Wednesday, we may soon have a clearer picture of what the future holds for Iraq.



A soldier celebrates on election day.



Iraqi citizens casting ballots.



An Iraqi soldier watches over line of voters.

All pictures found on BBC.com

Super Bowl XXIX Ready to Deliver Greatness

Patrick Sullivan
Sports Editor

America's favorite unofficial national holiday guarantees a surplus of chicken wings and draft beer as millions gather for Super Bowl XXXIX. Families and friends will gather in front of the television sets all around the world as the magic of

Unlike recent Super Bowls, this Sunday's match will pit undoubtedly the two greatest teams in the NFL as the New England Patriots try to capture their second straight world title by defeating the Philadelphia Eagles:

The two teams have been favored to meet in Jacksonville from the very beginning of the season, being picked by experts and novices alike.

The Eagles, following their third straight NFC Championship loss against the upstart Carolina Panthers last season might as well have gotten the phrase "Super Bowl or Bust"

tattooed on their foreheads.

As soon as free agency started in the off-season, Philadelphia made the biggest splash by

Prediction: Even with T.O. the Eagles will go 0-2 in Super Bowls. However, expect this game to be closer than their 27-10 spanking by the Raiders in Super Bowl XV.

was the biggest name available.

The ink had barely dried on that contract when the Eagles created a legal fiasco before trading for the 49ers troubled, but talented Terrell Owens.

Once the season started, T.O.'s presence became apparent as he and Philadelphia quarterback Donovan McNabb connected on 14 touchdown passes in Owen's first 12 games as an Eagle.

That, along with a breakthrough season from running back Brian Westbrook, and the return of Philly favorite

Jeremiah Trotter, who kick started the Eagles defense, made Philadelphia the most dominating force in the NFC.

The Eagles were so superior in their mediocre conference; they clinched

the home-field advantage in the playoffs with two weeks left to play. This benefitted the team greatly since they had just lost Owen's until the Super Bowl due to an ankle injury.

The Patriots entered the season in a different fashion.

Coming off another exciting Super Bowl victory, the Patriots looked to improve their one glaring weakness, the running game.

New England armored their Achilles' heel by picking up disgruntled Bengal Corey Dillon.

Like their baseball counterparts, New England had seemed des-

tinued for greatness.

They were the portrait of dominance throughout the season, even with an injury-plagued season.

In fact, for a good chunk of the year, injuries to the secondary forced the team to put wide receivers in their place.

As always, the centerpiece of the Patriots, Tom Brady, played phenomenally.

Even more impressive are the schemes and coaching work of New England coach and defensive guru, Brian Belichick.

The stage is now set for a showdown of epic proportions.

On Sunday, it will be a battle of titans, which could very well lead to the most exciting Super Bowl in recent memory.

Prediction: Even with T.O. the Eagles will go 0-2 in Super Bowls. However, expect this game to be closer than their 27-10 spanking by the Raiders in Super Bowl XV.



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New Book of Poetry Finally in Print

Janet Jones
Copy Editor

Dr. Challenger, an English professor here at Longwood University, has just completed a task that many writers only dream of.

He finally received his second full-length book of poems in print.

While finding the inspiration to write all of his poems and finding a home for them are difficult enough, Dr. Challenger had other obstacles to overcome in order for the world to hear his thoughts.

This entire process began twenty years ago when Challenger began writing his poems.

After becoming a finalist for the Capricorn prize in 1990, publishing companies began to recognize his name and his book was picked up at Pecan Grove Press in 2002.

The process began, and was running smoothly, until the editor of the press was injured in a car accident and had to undergo brain surgery.

The surgery went well, but the press was temporarily suspended.

Challender moved on in his attempts of finding a printing house for his book.

It was accepted and ready to be printed in San Antonio, Texas.

Again, disaster struck when Hurricane Ivan whipped through, ruining many manuscripts, Challenger's being one of

them.

The printing house was unable to recover financially, so again Challenger's book was homeless.

In Challenger's next attempt at a printing house, he sent it to Book Mobile in St. Paul, Minnesota and on January 13th, 2005 his book, *Dancing on the Water*, arrived in print in Challenger's hands.

After 10 years, the poems had finally found a home.

Challender said that this stressful process is not atypical. By the time his book came out, all of the poems had been published separately elsewhere.

Poems from this book, and others, have been nominated for various awards, which is a difficult feat, and huge honor in the writing world.

The majority of Challenger's poems are incidents from real life experiences. "I do not sit down and decide to write a book. I think of it as a collection. A title or feeling comes to me and then I can write," Challenger said.

His main motivation is American culture.

He hates the ambiguity that rules the citizen's lives.

Challender believes that people cannot be content with the unknown.

They cannot sit and ponder a



After 10 years, Dr. Challenger's poems finally found a home.

thought; the answer must be immediately given to them.

The binaries of our world are another issue that Challenger is angered by.

He does not feel that everything has to be black vs. white, good vs. evil.

There should be gray areas, and could be, if our society could handle the ambiguity.

"I feel a great relief now that my poems have been published. I have moved on. While those poems are a younger version of me I will never disembowel them," Challenger said.

The bookstore has ordered

Dancing on the Water, so support one of Longwood's most talented writers and enlighten yourself to his brilliance.

African Dance Comes to Longwood

Ashley Dow
Staff Writer

Dance comes in many forms; ballet, modern, jazz, hip-hop, and tap. Yet all of these forms of expression are derived from one form of dance, African.

Recently, members of the Longwood Company of Dancers and the Farmville community participated in an African dance workshop with Kulu Mele, a premier African-American dance ensemble.

"African is the basis for all dance today," explained ensemble dancer, Dj. Iantie. "When you really want to dance you need to know African dance."

Founded in Philadelphia in the late 1950's, the ensemble travels around the United States performing and teaching traditional African-Cuban, South African and West African dance forms.

The ensemble is composed of dancers, drummers and masquerades that entertain and teach their audiences about African-rooted dances.

At the workshop, Iantie taught the basics of African dance through the Kou Kou, a traditional dance from the Ivory Coast.

The dance included many arm

motions, jumps and hip movements.

Drummers who varied the sound, rhythm and intervals of the drums provided music for the dance.

"The African dance was unlike any other choreography I had ever experienced," stated Allison Dobson, a member of the Longwood Company of Dancers. "The drummers were amazing to watch and listen to."

"African is the basis for all dance today...When you really want to dance you need to know African dance."

- D.J. Iantie

After the hour-long workshop, Kulu Mele presented a full performance

including African dances performed by female dancers in traditional African clothing and drumming solos.

During the performance one dancer acted as a clown and teased the others.

This comic element is common in African dance.

"I believe every dancer, or athlete in general, should be willing to broaden their horizons," said Dobson. "African dance has opened my eyes to a culture completely different than my own. I've learned to appreciate a wider variety of dance after the workshop."

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Carpe Diem

We'd been going at it for what felt like forever. My fingers and jaws ached.

I was losing the mood.

My neck was sore from trying to match the motions of my counterpart - back and forth, over and over until my fingers sought a white-knuckled grip at my bag.

Eight more minutes, and I was going to give up. For now, I endured, hoping for some satisfaction. Six... four... two... Gods, just a little more- the seconds stretched... We came to a halt.

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International Students Find Home at Longwood

Naomi Pearson
Staff Writer

They walk among us--do you know who they are?

Twenty-two students from France and England joined the Longwood community in January, excited by the prospect of a semester of new experiences and immersion in another culture.

And last fall, Longwood welcomed its first seven students from China to an extended learning opportunity--a one or two-year program instead of simply a semester abroad. Their respective schools have academic agreements with Longwood.

Rounding out the international population at Longwood are about fifteen students here for a different reason: they plan to graduate from the university.

"I have a friend who used to go here who told me about Longwood," said Petra

Nystrom of Sweden. "I like that it's a relatively small campus. It's easier to get to know people and not just be one in the crowd."

They have thrown themselves into the flow of Longwood life: actively participating in their classes, getting acquainted with other students and socializing--whether in their rooms, at the Lancer Café or the Dining Hall, or at any one of the many parties taking place on any given night--or studying at the library.

Some of them enjoy acrobatics and swimming or participate in intramural football or soccer, while many of the degree-seeking students are Longwood athletes, involved in such sports as tennis or golf.

But everything is an adjustment. Not only is the country

different, but the food, the schedule, the weather and even the way classes are conducted are different. "Here, we read and do work for the next class,

the professor is lecturing the whole time about basically theory and is writing on the blackboard. You have to copy the stuff down. It's more anonymous. In addition to that, we have exercise sessions to the lectures where the theory is applied." Then, there is the language difference, even for the British students.

Fortunately, their American roommates and the members of the International Studies House (ISH) are helping them

improve their English skills.

Lonnie Calhoun, Director of Multicultural Affairs, voiced the same thing. "One of the reasons they come here is to be exposed to American culture. That's why we organize trips to places like New York and Washington, DC and to baseball games; but the interaction between individual people is the key."

Lily Anne Goetz, Acting Director of International Affairs said, "It's not just the exchange students who can benefit from mentoring; there are also the degree-seeking international students who may need it just as much. They are far away from home, too, for a much longer time."

Although everyone is invited to be a friend, anyone interested in more in-depth involvement may join the International Student Buddy Program.

For more information go to http://www.longwood.edu/mcaffairs/ISBP_info.htm.



From left to right: International students, Raphael Rebion, Thibault Davach De Theze, Julie Mongiorgi, Antoine Laschon, Mathieu Camisuli, and Francois Etienne.
Photo provided by Cole McElroy.

then have lectures; in France it's reversed--lectures first, then we work on that day's lesson," said sophomore Julie Mongiorgi.

Tobias Guennel, a junior who transferred to Longwood, agrees, "Studying at a German university is completely different from studying here. We have ninety-minute lectures where

make the transition. Jennifer Higgins, the Program Assistant for Chinese Students, expressed a desire for more American students to get involved in the welcoming and acclimation process, saying that the more people there are helping, the easier it will be for the international students to settle in and

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Jennifer Pozner Shows The Reality of Reality TV

Ashley Dow
Staff Writer

Nearly five years ago the entire world fell in love with reality television. CBS's reality hit "Survivor" captivated audiences during the summer of 2000, leading to nine more series and dozens of reality spin offs.

Nearly all of the spin offs featured women. Sometimes the women were competing for a beauty title as in Fox's "The Swan," a husband in ABC's "The Bachelor," a recording contract in Fox's "American Idol," or a modeling contract on UPN's "America's Next Top Model."

In all these shows, women were criticized for not being pretty enough, too smart or too fat.

"Reality television is in fact not reality," stated Jennifer Pozner, reality TV expert. "So much of reality television is scripted it should be called unreality television."

Pozner spoke to students last Wednesday in the student union. Her presentation titled: "Bachelor Babes, Bridezillas and

Husband-Hunting Harems: Decoding Reality TV's Twisted Fairy Tales," focused on the role of women in reality television.

Throughout her presentation, Pozner showed clips from reality shows to further demonstrate how women are treated. One clip showcased a woman who was auditioning for "American Idol." When the judges gave their comments, controversial judge Simon Cowell told the normal-sized woman she was fat, needed to lose weight and was not marketable. The other two judges thought the woman had a wonderful voice and should advance in the competition. These comments were never said to 2003 "American Idol" winner Ruben Studdard who is by no means slim and trim.

Another example was taken from ABC's "Extreme Makeover," where a woman received several plastic surgeries making her unrecognizable to her friends and family. The show



Speaker Jennifer Pozner talks about the "reality" of reality TV. Photo by Scott Dill.

then described her makeover as, "from housewife to powerhouse."

"Shows like 'Extreme Makeover' demonstrate that women feel liberated by plastic surgery," stated Pozner. "This tells women that beauty is what qualifies them as human beings and is the key to self worth."

Many shows portray women as gold diggers who just want to get married. This is most exhib-

ited on shows like "Joe Millionaire" and "Who Wants to Marry My Dad." Both of these shows had thin beautiful women vying for the love and commitment of men they presumed to be very wealthy.

"Often reality television presents the idea that men are only worthy if they are rich," explained Pozner. "This says that people are only worthy of love if they are rich and skinny."

Pozner explains that when the second place bachelorette on ABC's "The Bachelor," becomes the star of the next "Bachelorette" show; women are further stereotyped as husband hunters.

Shows like "The Bachelor" and "Joe Millionaire" are presented like a fairy tale. In "Joe Millionaire," the "millionaire" rode up to a castle on a white stallion, playing the role of a prince coming to sweep the women off their feet.

"Each dating show is present-

ed as a fairy tale," said Pozner. "By doing this, the producers are attempting to reach the emotions of every female who ever dreamed about being Cinderella or Snow White."

Other shows like "Meet My Folks" assume that women are stupid. This show frequently requires women to take a "smarts test". On "America's Next Top Model," host Tyra Banks dismissed one contestant saying she was "too smart for her own good." The contestant was going to medical school.

"Reality TV is the newest platform to reverse women's rights," stated Pozner. "People need to be educated on what is real and what is the product of television editing."

Pozner travels the country teaching others how to become more media savvy. She is the founder and Director of Women in Media and News, a non-profit group dedicated media education and analysis.

"From my perspective I believe nothing is as powerful as being media savvy and a responsible consumer," expressed Pozner.

Catch the Spirit: Arehart Plans '05 Graduation



Director of Events and Ceremonies, Fran Arehart. Photo provided by Office of Public Relations.

Ashley Dow
Office of Public Relations

Graduation is the capstone of a college career. The ceremony enables students to share their achievements and sense of pride with their peers, family and friends while reflecting upon their time at Longwood and the challenges that lie

ahead. Fran Arehart knows all too well the challenges that lie ahead when it comes to graduation. As the newly appointed Director of Events and Ceremonies, she is in charge of all commencement exercises.

Arehart's biggest challenge when planning the ceremony is the growing size of the student population. Over 900 students will participate in commencement exercises this May; the most in school history.

"As the undergraduate and graduate class sizes increase, so do the amount of friends and family that attend the ceremony," said Arehart. "The biggest challenge is accommodating the growing number of people in a space that is getting smaller."

Graduation is held on Wheeler Lawn. Until last year friends and family could watch

the ceremony from the Cunninghams lot, the lawn or from the hill where the new science building is now under construction. With the loss of the hill space, spectators will be placed further down the lawn away from the stage.

"Graduation is a day for seniors and their families. We want the ceremonies to be how they expect them to be," reassured Arehart. "For the day to go smoothly it is only a matter of logistics, having the right people in the right place at the right time."

Arehart has plenty of experience at Longwood to help guide her as she plans commencement exercises. She began working part-time in the department of Speech and Theater in the early 80s helping to organize debate and theatre events. She then

moved to the Office of the President and has worked for past presidents Dr. Greenwood and Dr. Dorrill and current president Dr. Cormier.

"I am a perfect example of how you can start at the bottom and work your way up," explained Arehart. "It is wonderful that Longwood rewards hard work and promotes from within."

Arehart's responsibilities as Director extend well beyond graduation. She is also in charge of numerous special events such as the upcoming Aramark Services award banquet, the dedication of the new science building and the president's community leaders breakfast.

She also manages Dr. Cormier's calendar. She schedules the president's appointments and organizes her travel

arrangements.

"It is important that I manage the president's time efficiently and sensitively," said Arehart. "I have to make sure that the president meets with all the people she needs to and has some down time."

Arehart says that all of her experiences at Longwood have been wonderful. She really enjoys the people and the focus of the university.

"The priority of Longwood is in the right place," said Arehart. "Students are put first and everything else grows from that."

When not working Arehart enjoys spending time with her husband John, an associate professor of computer science and their eight-month-old grandson. She also plays the hand bells at her church and is a member of two bridge clubs.

While Students Were Away, the Lancers Did Play

During the Semester Break the Men's Basketball Team Gained 400th Win and Confront Ranked Teams

Kyle Martin
Staff Writer

With exams completed and the first semester at a close, the men's basketball team used their winter break to end their 0-11 start to the 2004-05 season and compete in a grueling nine-game road trip against some of the best teams in Division I basketball.

HOWARD

The Longwood Lancers sought revenge on December 18 for a road loss against the Bison of Howard earlier in the month.

During the first half, Longwood trailed Howard 9-5 early before going on a 17-8 scoring run to gain a 30-21 advantage. Despite making one fieldgoal during the final eight minutes of the half, the Lancers took a slim 32-31 lead into the halftime.

In a game filled with nine ties and five lead changes, sophomores Maurice Sumter and Michael Jefferson contributed nine points during a 15-7 scoring run with 3:04 remaining to cement the triumph over the Bison. Howard's Cliffone Ault led all scorers with a game-high 26 points while Jefferson led all Lancers with 21 points. Sumter and Jefferson each recorded a game-high seven rebounds.

"...It was great to get the first win," Head Coach Mike Gillian said, "and to have the guys on the team realize the benefit of all the hard work they have put into the season." The victory over Howard was the 400th win in the program's 29-year history. Gillian also recognizes an added benefit of the win. "It gives us a lot of confidence that we can achieve that, so why not repeat that over and over again," Gillian said.

OLD DOMINION

After earning victory number one, the team began their seven-state, nine-game, sixteen-day, road trip against the Monarchs of Old Dominion on December 20. The Lancers could get no closer than 21 points of Old Dominion as the Monarchs earned an 88-56 win over Longwood. Freshman forward Lamar Barrett co-lead with Old Dominion's Isaiah Hunter in scoring, each with 17

points, as the only Longwood player in double-figure scoring. Junior center Chad Kosmo recorded a game-high 8 rebounds and added 6 points in the loss. Old Dominion scored 22 points off of Longwood turnovers.

NORTHERN IOWA

The Lancers then traveled to Cedar Falls, Iowa to play in the opening round of the Las Vegas Holiday Classic against the Northern Iowa Panthers on December 23. The match-up for Longwood was the first of four consecutive games against teams who competed in the NCAA tournament last year. Longwood lost the opening round of the tournament 84-63, but the play of one Lancer continued to improve. Jefferson started a streak of five consecutive 20-point performances in the loss.

ILLINOIS

In the second round, four days later of the Classic, Longwood challenged the #1 team in the nation Illinois. "I told the players before the game, 'How many of you guys thought that we would be playing the number one team two years ago,'" Gillian said.

In a game predicted by experts to be one of biggest blowouts in college basketball history, the Lancers performed well. Despite losing 105-79, Longwood trailed by 7 points with less than ten minutes to play and managed to score more points against Illinois than any team so far this season. Jefferson continued his scoring streak, delivering 30 points in defeat.

CINCINNATI

After making history against Illinois, the men's basketball team ventured west to Sin City to conclude the Las Vegas Holiday Classic. In round three of the tournament, the Lancers battled against the unbeaten Bearcats of Cincinnati University on December 30. Ranked #17 in

the nation, the Bearcats led early, but Longwood kept pace, trailing 50-42 at halftime. The Bearcats relied on a 23-7 scoring with less than 8 minutes to seal the 95-69 victory over Longwood. Cincinnati's Jason Maxiell led all scorers with 30 points while Jefferson contributed 27 points, including four three-point baskets. Sumter led the team in rebounding with six and was the only other Lancer to reach double-figures with 12 points.

VALPARAISO

In the final round of the tournament on New Year's Eve, the Lancers competed against the Crusaders of Valparaiso. Longwood jumped to an early lead in the first half and held a 23-13 edge over the Crusaders with 7:39 left on the clock. Freshman guard Brandon Giles hit a game-tying three pointer as time expired for a 35-35 halftime score.

With four three-pointers in the

Longwood managed to score more points against #1 Illinois than any team so far

game, sophomore guard Hussein Pistoljevic

helped Longwood retake a 44-41 advantage early in the second half. Valparaiso utilized a 15-9 scoring run late in the game to gain a 75-68 victory over the Lancers. Jefferson and Valparaiso's Dan Oppland led all scorers with 22 points each. Jefferson and Sumter lead all Lancers with six rebounds. Pistoljevic started his fourth consecutive game and earned 12 points shooting 4-for-6 from three-point range.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Despite the loss, Jefferson's 24.8 points per game in the Classic earned him All-Tournament Team honors. The four consecutive tournament losses dropped Longwood's record to 1-16 with four games remaining in the trip.

Regardless of the tournament outcome, Gillian feels his team has improved by playing tougher opponents. "The biggest improvement is everybody in the basketball program coming to the realization that we truly are a

good competitive Division I program," Gillian said.

QUINNIPIAC

With the bright lights and big-city atmosphere behind them, the Lancers trekked back to the Northeast for a rematch against the Bobcats of Quinnipiac on January 2. Longwood managed to push the Bobcats to the limit in a double-overtime affair. Leading 75-70 with 44 seconds remaining, Quinnipiac tied the contest with 4.6 seconds left to force overtime. The Bobcats led 87-84 with 2 seconds left in the first overtime, but Michael Jefferson hit a half-court three-pointer at the buzzer forcing an additional overtime session. Quinnipiac used a 12-2 run in the second extra frame to win a hard-fought 102-93 contest.

The Bobcats' Rob Monroe earned 41 points to lead all scorers, while Jefferson achieved a double-double leading all Lancers with 24 points and 14 rebounds. Pistoljevic achieved a season-high 19 points with 5 three-pointers.

HARTFORD

The Lancers wrapped up their Connecticut adventure with their first-ever meeting against the Hawks of Hartford on January 4. Longwood fought hard in a close game, but ended up on the losing side. The Lancers led 34-32 at halftime, and Longwood trailed 59-58 with 3:26 left in regulation. However, the Hawks scored the final two baskets of the contest to win 63-58 over the Lancers. Hartford's Aaron Cook scored 23 points to lead all scorers while Pistoljevic and Lamar Barrett were the only Lancers in double figures, scoring 12 and 10 points, respectively. Jefferson's 8-point performance snapped his five-game streak of scoring 20 or more points per game.

UTAH VALLEY STATE

Next, the Longwood men's basketball team forged west once more and visited Orem, Utah, to challenge the Wolverines of Utah Valley State on January 7. The Lancers jumped to an early 16-10 lead, with less than fifteen minutes remaining in the half before

the Wolverines scored 16 consecutive points to hold a 26-16 advantage with 11:09 left on the clock. Longwood trailed at halftime 40-33, and fought hard to trim the deficit to 53-50 with 12:13 remaining in the contest. Utah Valley State took advantage of a 16-3 scoring run in the final 7:51 to defeat Longwood 75-57. The Wolverines' Ronnie Price scored a game-high 28 points, while Sumter earned a double-double with 17 points and 10 rebounds.

NORTHERN COLORADO

In the final game of their seven-state road trip, the Lancers faced off against the Bears of Northern Colorado on January 10. Longwood snagged an early lead, but the Bears crafted a 14-6 scoring run taking the lead 28-20. The Lancers nipped away at the Bears' advantage and trailed 39-37 at the break. In the second half leading 53-47 with 15:27 to play, the Bears devised a 20-6 scoring run to hold a 73-56 advantage with 10:30 left in regulation. The Lancers could not get closer than 7 points and Northern Colorado earned a 99-91 victory. Scoring 12 points in the first half, Barrett achieved a career-high 23 point effort leading Longwood. Northern Colorado's Erik Olson led all scorers with 32 points and shot a perfect 12-12 from the field.

WRAP UP

Despite going winless on their road trip, the Lancers played several close games and led in six of the nine visiting contests. Gillian acknowledges that in order to finish strong in a game, "It's the realization of the urgency of the situation...It's having the will. Even when you're tired it's having the will to control the ball, get the defensive stop, grab the rebound, and make the free throw."

Six of the team's final ten games are at Willet Hall Gym with the Lancers hosting three straight, including losses to South Carolina State on Saturday and Appalachian State on Monday. The Lancers will play their third home game this week against Northern Colorado, Friday at 7:00 p.m. and are currently 1-22.

Weekly Trivia

Who is the Last Quarterback to Lead the Philadelphia Eagles to the Super Bowl?

Last Week's Question
Who is the Only Longwood Men's Baseball Player to Have His Number Retired?
Michael Tucker #20

If you would like to submit a trivia question send an email to retunda@longwood.edu subject "Trivia" with your question, answer and name (if desired).

Women's Basketball Team Takes Out Tigers

Kyle Martin
Staff Writer

After improving to .500 on Friday with a 54-47 victory over Texas Pan-American, the women's basketball team sought of its first three-game win streak of the season against the 4-11 Tigers of Savannah State.

Junior Forward Ashley Mason claimed prior to Saturday's contest, "It's going to take a whole focused team effort and defensive intensity..." in order to secure the win.

In the first half, a jump shot by forward Caroline Moore gave Savannah State an early 2-0 advantage. The lead, however, evaporated from the Tigers as sophomore guard Abigail Freese, with a pass from junior forward Amber Mason, connected on a three-pointer at 18:33 to give Longwood an advantage they never relinquished.

The Lancers rattled off eleven straight points and led 16-2 with 15:35 in the period. A three pointer from Amber Mason gave Longwood a 19-point stranglehold of 25-6 with 13:25 to go, but the Tigers hacked into Longwood's advantage from three-point range.

A pass from guard Lakisha Green set up Savannah State's Kermetriss Hill for her first of four straight triples with 8:14 left in the half. Her final basket from distance at 6:31 left the Tigers

STUDENT-ATHLETE PROFILES

Player Profile: Robert Gillis
Baseball, senior (4th yr.)
Hometown: Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada

Why do you play baseball?

-My father pushed me toward baseball. He always played and coached me as I was growing up and it influenced and motivated me to keep playing.

Recall your best moment playing here?

-My first game. That's when I knew I made it. I was so nervous with butterflies. I was in awe with my first at-bat and first ground ball. I consider that my biggest accomplishment.

What do you like most about Longwood?

-Our team. Every year, I make so many friends on the team. We're such a tight group and it's great to see them off the field as well, due to the small school size.

What goals do you have?

-Academically, I'm trying to pursue law school. That's been taking up a lot of my time right now. Baseball-wise, I'm just trying to help the team as



much as I can and win as many games as possible.

Who is your favorite athlete and why?

-Roger Clemens, because he's so dominant. He wasn't flamboyant. He has a rigorous work ethic. Other players won't train with him because he's so intense.

-What makes you unique?

-I'm the only Canadian player. I'm very proud of where I came from and I'm very happy to be in the United States playing baseball.

What do you want to be remembered as?

-My out-going personality on the field. I'm the guy who makes the joke and makes everyone feel at ease.

Player Profile: Jen Steele
Softball, senior (4 yr.)
Hometown: Manassas Park, VA

Why do you play softball?

-Both of my parents played. When I was younger, I went to my parents' slow pitch games and I grew up in the ballparks. It was just natural that I started playing. Recall your best moment playing here?

-My freshman season (2001-02) in general. I came in and didn't have any pressure on myself. It was the first year we won the CVAC (Carolina-Virginia Athletic Conference) tournament.

What do you like most about Longwood?

-I like the people. It has an atmosphere of home. I feel really comfortable with the people and the area.

What goals do you have?

-As far as the season is concerned, I would like to have a memorable season with my teammates. I plan to go to graduate school after I graduate. I would really like to be an athletic director someday.

Who is your favorite athlete and why?

-Former Washington Redskins



cornerback Darrell Green. He did a lot of charity events and was a good role model in the community, and he lives near me.

What makes you unique?

-I have a phobia of children singing in scary movies. I freak out and I'm terrified of them.

What do you want to be remembered as?

-A good teammate and a good friend. That's more important to me than any numbers or statistics. I want people to know that I cared about them, and the best thing I'm leaving with are the memories with my teammates.

trailing by seven points (31-24), but junior guard Jessica Wilkerson answered at the five-minute mark with a three of her own to reestablish Longwood's advantage of 10 (34-24).

With 00:19 remaining, senior center Catherine Dunn nailed a three to give the Lancers a comfortable 43-29 advantage at the break.

Savannah State's Hill amassed an impressive 16 points at halftime due to her three-point performance; meanwhile, the Lancers' Amber Mason achieved a 12-point effort at intermission.

Head Coach Shirley Duncan commented, "(Hill) was definitely the one who kept them in the game and made it close."



Marita Meldere goes for a layup against Texas Pan-American. by Will Petrus

Similar to Friday, Duncan attributes a lot of the success to defensive play. "We mixed our defenses to keep them off balance," Duncan explains, "and try to make them respond to the changing defenses." The Lancers grabbed 21 defensive boards in the first half alone.

After halftime, Savannah State's Shamice James hit a lay-up to bring the Tigers within 12 of Longwood, but the Tigers did not get closer.

Senior forward Marita Meldere drained a jump shot with 15:47 to play that sparked a 16-4 scoring run for the Lancers to give them a 27-point, 66-39 advantage with less than eleven minutes to play.

With the game in hand, freshman forward Leigh Mascherin entered the game and contributed three distance shots over the final

ten minutes, her final three giving the Lancers a dominant 32-point edge with 5:47 to play. The Tigers' Hill was limited to two threes in the second half as the Lancers received an 84-55 triumph over Savannah State.

Mascherin describes the strategy to shooting against the Tigers, mentioning, "Because they were quick players, if we can shoot out of their zone (defense), we can be successful."

Longwood was successful in shooting 48% from three-point range for the game as Wilkerson lead the squad with her 20-point performance. Meldere earned another double-double by contributing 16 points and a game-

high 19 rebounds. Savannah State's Hill lead all scorers with 24 points including a remarkable six three-point baskets.

The win improves the Lancers' record to 10-9 on the season, meanwhile Savannah State dropped to 4-12 overall.

The women's basketball team goes on the road to play UNC-Asheville on February 2 in a game against their fourth opponent from the Big South Conference this season. "You always have to adapt to different personnel, but as long as we keep up the defensive intensity and move the ball well up the floor, we should be good for the rest of the season," Wilkerson said.

Lancer Baseball Ready for the Islands

Patrick Sullivan
Sports Editor

The Lancer baseball team is starting their season by being the envy of every other Longwood sport: they're holding their opening series in Hawaii.

The team will play a five game series against host Hawaii Pacific from February 5th to the 7th.

It is a very exciting time for

many of the players, including sophomore pitcher Alan Moore. "It's the first time I've ever been in a plane and in a state that didn't touch the Atlantic."

The one drawback to opening the season in America's most beautiful state according to Moore, "We might have to be on a plane during the Super Bowl."

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New Shopping Center Places Strain on Family-Owned Business

Kyle Martin, Kyle Castillo, Stacey Klutz, Holly Weiss
Guest Writers

Twenty-five business owners in the Farmville Shopping Center will face relocation hardships to make way for Longwood's planned shopping and apartment center, assuming necessary approvals are forthcoming.

If the project passes, it could spell the end of local merchants who have relied on the location to conduct business for several years.

"We were shocked," Mary Lou Raymond said when she learned the news of the proposal. The owner of Mary Lou's Monogramming and More, Raymond, along with her two sons, Robert and Richard, have operated out of their storefront for eleven years.

They must choose whether to move to another location and re-establish their business or close permanently.

Whitney Reid, owner of "The Gym" which has been located in the Shopping Center for twelve years, is another one of the 25 business owners that were recently notified that Longwood University has plans for a new housing/retail project.

With very little notice, Reid is forced to find a new spot in Farmville to lease his business, but finds that members at "The Gym" have mixed feelings on the matter.

He wonders if this will force "The Gym" to go out of business.

The biggest challenge the Raymonds face is obtaining notification from their land-lord about a final move-out date if the

building proposal passes.

Les Andrews, owner of the shopping center, has not contacted the Raymonds about an estimated date, but the family knows that they will have to move on a limited timetable and budget.

"We still don't have the exact date, but when he (William Parks, the developer) acquires it, then we will have 30 days to vacate the premises," Raymond said.

Richard estimates the cost of the move alone will total \$14,000.

As a side-effect of the move, he notes, "We will have to downsize, equipment wise."

Although the future for the Raymonds is uncertain, they are not against the decision to develop the property nor do they have intentions of protesting the outcome if the proposal passes.

"We think it's a wonderful thing for Longwood University

and the town, and I only wish we had a six-month notice," Raymond said.

Reid echoes those sentiments. "Business-wise, I think it's a great idea. It will upgrade downtown Farmville and make drastic changes. On a personal note, I feel that Longwood is forcing me to find a new location with hardly any notice to do so."

Despite the uncertainty that current local businesses have, Ken Woodley, Editor of the *Farmville Herald* who is familiar with the project said, "Existing downtown merchants will undoubtedly feel the positive impact of 400 students living that close to the business district."

Farmville Town Council will review a conditional use permit on February 15 as another step in the approval process before the project proceeds.

Longwood Bookstore to Move Back to Campus This February

Kyle Castillo
Staff Writer

The Longwood University Bookstore will be relocated on campus, in the newly remodeled Blackwell building, at the end of February.

The bookstore has been located off-campus in the Farmville Shopping Center since the major fire in 2001 that severely damaged four university buildings.

Since its relocation off-campus, most students have adjusted to the current site.

However, having the bookstore re-open on campus at the end of the month will allow for easier and safer access to the store, as well as a rejuvenated sense of pride for those who work there.

According to the bookstore manager Louisa Lackey, it will be nice to officially "be a part of the campus again."

While the current location of the bookstore is easily within

walking distance of the campus, many students have complaints about having to trek across Main Street in order to pick up their textbooks, according to Lackey.

Sophomore Allison Warren said, "Because the book store is not on campus, it can be inconvenient, because I am not able to walk to the bookstore in between classes if I need to. It can be especially frustrating if you live across campus in Wheeler, Cox or Arc."

Some students actually prefer the current location across Main Street. Freshman Alisa Banks says, "I like the current location because it's next to 'The Gym' and has lots of parking."

Student teacher, Jessica Watkins, agrees with Banks, and speaks for many commuter students who will miss the abundance of parking the current location provides.

With the limited parking that will be available after the move, Watkins admits that, "It will be frustrating."

Sophomore Jennifer Higgins isn't necessarily against the change of address, but she proclaims, "I will miss the walk." She believes that students who complain about the trek across Main Street take for granted how lucky Longwood students are when compared to some other schools.

"There are campuses ten times as big as Longwood. Other people at other schools have to walk a lot further than we do, so the current location here is not a big deal to me," she explained.

Celine Flourac, an exchange student from Cleumont-Feuand, France goes a long way toward lending credence to Higgins' statement. At her University "Erote Supérieure de Commerce," she says that, "we don't have a book store. We have to go to the library for our books."

The move, which was originally slated to occur in March, will be pushed forward a month to February due to the recent news of the student housing and

commercial property that will be built where the Farmville Shopping Center currently stands.

Because of the earlier-than-expected move the bookstore will temporarily be located in the Blackwell building, accessible by the newly finished outdoor staircase that faces the Brock Commons.

The bookstore's permanent location will be on the lower level of Blackwell, which was its location prior to the 2001 fire.

"This move will be a win-win situation" says Lackey.

Aside from the limited parking, the only problem that she foresees.

There will be no changes in merchandise prices due to the relocation, nor will there be any alterations to the number of student employees.

While some are miffed by the change of address, Higgins sums up the general feelings of the campus when she says, "It will be nice to have the bookstore back where it belongs."

Words From the Editor: High Hopes for the Semester



I want to start off by saying that I am very excited about what's to come in the following semesters. I have high hopes for the potential our paper can reach. While there are many improvements that still need to be made, we have a very strong foundation, and I am confident in our staff's ability to transition.

I am taking the opportunity this week to reach out to the study body, as well as the faculty and staff, in hopes that I will inspire a wave of participation.

At one time or another, all of you have probably picked up an issue of *The Rotunda* and thought, "Is this really the best our campus can do?"

And all of you are right. This is NOT the best that our institution can provide. We have the resources (or we will when SGA funding comes through) and we

have the desire. What we really lack is participation and support.

Students are quick to look at our paper and compare it to other collegiate papers, but before you do so, let me remind you of a couple things.

Unlike many of the publications that we are compared to, we are not a large university. We do not have the monetary supply necessary to compensate our staff members for all of their hard work.

We are a volunteer organization. The dedicated members of our team take the time out from their busy schedules of school, sports, work, family, and everything else that goes on in a college student's life to spend the majority of their Tuesday and Wednesday nights in *The Rotunda* office. For all of that, I thank you guys a million times over.

As a volunteer organization that is looking to improve itself, on the request of the students and faculty and staff it represents, *The Rotunda* is looking for

dedicated and hardworking students who want to help make our publication as professional, informational, and entertaining as we all know it can be.

For all of you journalism minors or concentrations out there, working for our paper would be an excellent way to get clips to put together a portfolio. I guarantee that every graduate school application you fill out and every job interview you go on is going to require a portfolio of your journalistic experience.

Why not take advantage of the resources that are available to you now?

Not only will you get the professional experience that your future requires, but you will also be able to help reconstruct a paper that you probably, at one time or another, complained about.

My invitation to participate in the paper is definitely not extended to just those with journalism concentrations.

I am encouraging everyone, students from all fields, to get involved. The variety would certainly add diversity to our paper, which is one area we always have room for improvement in!

Helping out on *The Rotunda* can take as much or as little of your time as you would like it to. As a staff writer, your presence is only required for about a half hour on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

The rest of your work, the interviewing process and the construction of your article, is done on your time, as your schedule sees fit.

If writing is not something you are interested in, then maybe copyediting is. Or photography, or layout. We are in need of a wide variety of help, in just about every aspect of our newspaper's publication.

My challenge to you is: instead of picking up our newspaper and dwelling on everything that you don't like about it, why don't you take that energy and focus it on a productive solution? Take responsibility for our school and our paper.

Now that I am done publicizing for the paper, I would like to share with all of you the changes that we hope to see made during the next several additions.

We want the Props and Drops to be from you, the student body, not us. One comment I have heard repeatedly is that the Props and Drops are all inside jokes that no one outside the office understands.

Well fix that! Our goal is to get enough submissions for props and drops that we will have to do nothing but print them.

Starting next week, our "Style" section will be transformed to a more correct title of "Arts and Entertainment." I have been dili-

gently attempting to come up with ideas to bring culture and sophistication into our paper, and my solution is this new section that will focus on the arts on campus and from surrounding areas.

We are also striving to improve on the basics such as grammar, spelling, style, and content.

Input from the student body, as well as faculty and staff, would be greatly appreciated. We want to know what you want. We are open to questions, comments, concerns, and ideas. This is your paper, and it should be an accurate reflection of you.

If nothing else, I ask our readers to be patient. We are going through an unexpected transition, and I am trying to set higher standards for our publication.

I truly believe that with greater participation and the continued hard work of our staff members our paper can be a true reflection of Longwood University and what we represent. I encourage each one of you to give us your input as we strive to pull the paper up to its full potential.

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The Rotunda is an equal opportunity volunteer organization and is looking for people who are interested in writing or layout. We currently have positions available and ask anyone who is interested to come to our meetings, on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

This is a short letter about my experience with moving off campus.

A group of friends and I came together and began to look for property to rent for Fall 2004.

We came across a large house with huge bedrooms and affordable rent.

The only problem with the house was that it had been condemned. The landlord promised us that he would make all the repairs needed and that the house would be in living condition by mid-summer.

This, unfortunately, was not the case and I was stranded with nowhere to live for half of the summer while he tried to finish the house. By the beginning of the

semester the house was in a livable condition, but very far from being the kind of house I would want my mother to visit.

My roommates and I tried to take precautions by including an amendment to the lease saying that the landlord would make all necessary repairs by a designated date or we would get several hundred dollars off our rent until the repairs were made.

This amendment lowered our monthly rent when the repairs were never made, but it still left us with a slum hole to live in.

Now the landlord is trying to sue all of us for "damages to the house" (including the repairs he never made) totaling over \$9,000.

I graduate in May and I am probably going to be dealing with this situation well over a year from

then.

When you move off campus, make sure that you review your lease very carefully and take pictures of any damages or problems with the house before moving in. Another good point to bring up is that when you make requests for repairs or complaints about your property, make sure you put them in writing or they do not uphold in court.

Basically, the point of this letter is to inform students that it could happen to you, and all students should take precautions when renting property.

-Anonymous

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Why Protest The Great Uniter?

This article is in response to the January 27th Activist titled, "No Riots at the Inauguration?"

Cole Floyd
Guest Writer

I felt the article "No Riots at the Inauguration?" was inaccurate in some of his statements and observations.

I also think that it did not focus on the right issues.

Every four years the United States selects a President which either transfers our nations leadership from one person to another or re-affirms the leadership of the current President for four more years.

In most nations all over the world, the transfer or re-affirmation of leadership causes national tension and often times breaks out into Civil War.

So, instead of calling for more rioting and protesting at the Inauguration, shouldn't we celebrate the fact that we live in a nation where the election process happens so peacefully?

I believe that it is quite phenomenal to be part of a nation that can have such a close election every time and still never resort to the extreme violence that we see in other countries as a result from political unrest.

However, if we must focus on the amount of protesting that occurred, it should be noted that this election was neither as close or as controversial as Bush's first election, which caused much discourse and many recounts.

That, for one, could be a reason there was not as much protesting as there was four years ago.

Also contrary to the article, our country is not more divided than it ever has been before.

I would think it is safe to say that at this moment in our nation's history, the civil war was our country's most divided moment.

Also, as the polls showed, voters were clearly more divided in the Bush vs. Gore election.

I do not agree with the Armed Forces statement about the restricted air space and prevention of any group interfering with the inauguration was out of line.

I feel that those measures needed to be taken in order to protect both the President and the multitude of people attending the Inauguration.

Restricted air space would do little to prevent my free speech at the Inauguration.

Also, whether I am a terrorist or a protester, it is not my right to interfere with the Presidential

years ago.

Perhaps that is because the Inauguration is not the best time to protest.

Four years ago people who felt the Florida vote was flawed had a reason to protest, and they rightly did so.

But for this Inauguration, all thoughts of foul play in the vote count were gone.

I say this because I want to know the reason to protest the election of a man who won fair and square.

Might it be better to protest during a day when decisions are being made about the war or about the economy?

The Patriot Act has not done as much as the article suggested to limit protesters.

During the Inaugural parade, the front line of viewers were protesters to a large extent.

With the exception of those throwing things like snowballs at the presidential caravan, most protesters returned home without being arrested or being accused of violating the Patriot Act.

Lastly, the statement concerning "Support our Troops" was out of line. First off, there seems to be no limit of protesting concerning the war in Iraq.

People have not been shy about protesting about the war.

Perhaps the lower number of protesters at the Inauguration does not mean people feel we have no freedom of speech.

Perhaps it is a positive sign that the people, though divided by political affiliation, are now united under the fact that America can have peaceful elections, even when it is a neck to neck campaign.

Inauguration.

There were some protesters at the Inaugurations, although there were not as many as four

props and drops

Props:

- + To Peggy Tarpley for returning lost goods.
- + To Jon Stewart, for telling the news how it should be told.
- + To nice weather in February.
- + To dead cat commercials.

Drops:

- To pretentious students who try to talk about non sequitor (the comic strip).
- To the Grand Dining Hall for not having tables set out during the 6 PM rush.
- To more baseball players taking steroids.
- To anyone trying to make the Fantastic 4 movie.
- To the lack of hot water in The Hamms Tuesday morning.

Speak Out

Why are you a Democrat?



I'm a Democrat because I'm liberal and I strongly believe in gay rights and environmental preservation.

-Kristin English
Sophomore



I think Bush is sending troops to Iraq to try and finish his father's lost cause.

-Eric Perez
Junior



I'm a Democrat because I believe there's always room for change.

-Shawn Croston
Sophomore



I'm a Democrat because I feel as though we stand for the better changes, and I've thought so for 37 years.

-Laura Bowles
Cafe employee

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Blacksburg Ecstasy Lab Found

Ellen Biltz
U-Write

Police discovered the first ecstasy lab in Blacksburg, Va. Tuesday at. Local police, members of the Drug Enforcement Agency, the New River Drug Task Force and the Virginia State Police were all present in uncovering the ecstasy equipment, also known as an MDMA lab.

"The (lab) we got [Tuesday] was the largest one we've ever seen in the state of Virginia," said Laura DiCesare, public information officer for the Washington division of the DEA. While the exact amount of drugs seized has not yet been released by the police, a police news release said, "Equipment, chemicals and precursors consistent with the manufacturing of ecstasy were discovered."

Lt. Don Goodman of the Virginia Tech Police Department said at this point the police cannot say whether any other types of drugs or paraphernalia were uncovered. No arrests or charges in connection with the lab equipment or owners of the house had

been made, at press time. Information about the residents 317 Clay St., where the lab was found, has not been released due to the ongoing nature of the investigation, Goodman said.

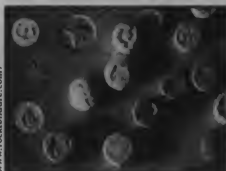
The investigation and removal of MDMA lab equipment lasted the majority of Tuesday afternoon, beginning at 2:30 p.m. and ending after dark, Goodman said. "We wouldn't leave anything at the residence," he said.

DiCesare said the lab equipment found did not include a pill-press to make the ecstasy pills. Instead, the manufacturers were emptying capsules of other medicines and filling them with MDMA.

Although a pill-press was not found, DiCesare said they did have very high-grade equipment.

"They had very sophisticated, professional-grade glassware," she said. "We are not going to (speculate) about where they got it from, but it was very sophisticated." Goodman said MDMA and methamphetamine are similar in chemical makeup but different in composition.

"These labs are dangerous



simply because of the chemicals that are used to make the drugs," he said. While both drugs are synthetically made, DiCesare said the main difference between the two is that ecstasy is more of a hallucinogen that is popular with the partying or club scene, while meth is a more addictive drug, like cocaine or heroin.

"MDMA has two other components that meth doesn't," she said. Goodman also said that while there have previously been methamphetamine labs in Montgomery County, the Town of Blacksburg has never encountered one. According to the DEA's Web site, there are a limited number of ecstasy labs in the United States. In 2001, only 17 were found.

DiCesare said in the last three to four years, since domestic production of MDMA has become popular, there have been a total of four found in the state of Virginia.

VA Commonwealth Ranked #1 in Nation VA tied with Utah with a grade of A-

Caroline Freeman
U-Write

In an annual assessment, the Commonwealth is at the top of its class. The Government Performance Project, which evaluated each state government in the United States, gave the Commonwealth of Virginia an overall grade of A-, tying with Utah for the highest mark.

Governing Magazine published the Government Performance Project's report in its February issue. "It's a gold star for Governor Warner, but much more importantly, it's a gold star for Virginia and a whole series of governors and legislatures," University of Virginia Politics Prof. Larry Sabato said.

In order to grade each state's government, the group formed a team of journalists from Governing Magazine as well as professionals from colleges such as Georgia State, George Washington University and the University of Pennsylvania.

According to the report, the evaluation criteria were divided into four categories: money, information, infrastructure and people. The money category focused on elements such as budgeting processes and balance structure. Information covered the topics of strategic planning, management and program evaluations. Capital planning and project monitoring fell under the infrastructure category. The people category dealt with issues such as hiring, training and retaining employees.

The reported stated that the Commonwealth received an A in the money category and an A minus for the other three areas. The lowest-scoring states were California and Alabama with overall grades of C minus.

Warner spokesperson Ellen

Qualls said she credits the Commonwealth's success in the monetary category with its recent tax reform as well as the development of a mandatory six-year budget and revenue projection. The six-year projection "shows not only the revenues the state expects to bring in, but also what the mandated spending will be," Qualls said. "As school enrollments grow and health care costs go up, we have a picture of what those expenses are going to be several years out" from now.

Sabato said this is not the first time the Commonwealth's government scored well on a performance ranking. "It's good news because what the report really says is that good financial management is an ingrained habit in Virginia and it extends over time through many administrations," he said.

Sabato said the report may support Virginia's one-term restriction on governors. "Interestingly, this report may argue against changing this restriction because we do seem to maintain fiscal competence even with the one term restriction," Sabato said.

Qualls said since the governor only serves one term, there are more people involved in the Commonwealth's government to share the credit for its success.

The Government Performance Project report emphasized that the focus of the assessment was not the grades themselves, but rather "to give states information they can use to improve management and achieve their goals."

Qualls said the report offers a positive reinforcement to the Commonwealth's government.

"I think it sends a good message to people who want to do business in Virginia and to taxpayers that we're spending our money wisely," Qualls said.

CHARLEYS' CHECK LIST

FROM THE EVER-CHANGING DESSERT TRAY

HOW MANY OF THESE DESSERTS HAVE YOU TRIED?

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Movie: *Bridget Jones: Edge of Reason*
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Women's Basketball -
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Meeting
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Sisterhood Room
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Reception: 3:30 - 4 p.m.
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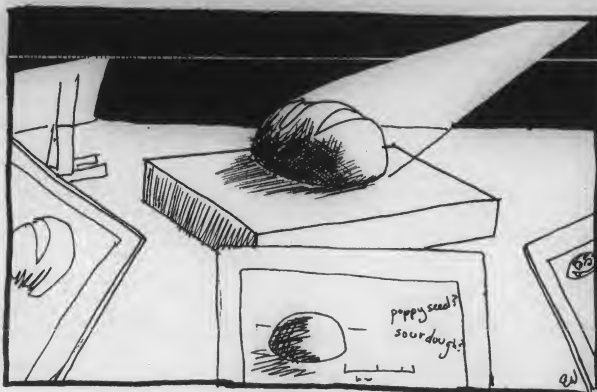
Internship Seminar: Erik
Wilson, Target Store
Manager
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Hiner 207

Scholastic Book Fair
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Hull, 2nd Floor Lounge

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Tuesday, February 15, 10am - 2 pm
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Poker: How to Win or Lose Your Tuition

Kyle Castillo
Staff Writer

In their free time many college students from Longwood are playing poker, and for some it has become almost a second minor.

According to, an anonymous Longwood student, "About 80 percent of my friends play, and some spend more time playing poker than they do worrying about school."

This trend in increased poker play has led many universities to form sanctioned tournaments where the prizes are awarded in the form of scholarships.

Although Longwood has not offered a tournament as of yet, there appears to be no shortage of students willing to play on their own, including many fraternities that are forming weekly games as a supplement to their parties.

Poker has become a staple at college campuses because the game is being rooted in basic

human nature.

The desire to make money fast is evident in our society, with both the lottery and infomercials that claim to "make you rich while sitting at your kitchen table in your underwear."

Poker's meteoric rise in popularity can be attributed to the numerous television shows that are transforming the public perception of poker and its players.

Previously considered to be Ben Stein-dull, poker's ascension to Paris Hilton-level entertainment can even give hope to the most inept of sports marketers, such as the NHL.

While reruns of poker tournaments continue to draw more viewers than many major network shows, ESPN is raising the ante with its new show "Tilt," based around the life of a fictional poker player.

Many die-hard players watch poker to pick up new tricks of the trade.

"Tilt," however, combines the structured formula of a scripted show with the sex appeal of poker, creating a niche for those who simply want to be entertained.

Some students around campus hold weekly games in which small amounts of cash exchange hands.

For many this is nothing more than a hobby, yet Police Chief Charles Lowe warns against playing such games, unless it is a sanctioned tournament.

No student at Longwood has had a poker related run-in with the law, according to Chief Lowe. However, participation in a game of poker can lead to a fine of up to 500 dollars.

If caught, the person in charge of conducting the gambling risks felony charges with one to five years' of jail time and up to 2,500 dollars in fines.

The law is not the only thing that can negatively affect one's life due to poker play. Financial problems can arise, and addiction sneaks up on many.

Both of these problems are



amplified with the ability to play poker for money online 24 hours a day.

According to a Longwood student, "My friends haven't run into financial problems; however, the addiction of online gambling seems to be slowly consuming their lives."

Chief Lowe also sees the side affects of poker as causes for concern and said, "Gambling is an activity that can be addictive. Students should be aware of the level and frequency of their gambling."

"They should also be aware

that organized gambling tournaments may be illegal, and they should ensure the event is legitimately sanctioned."

Poker might be a fad, or the current renaissance might carve a permanent place in American culture.

Even with poker's pitfalls it offers many students the opportunity to compete on a psychological level, and provides an alternative outlet to the traditional bar and party scene.

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Thursday 11:00 am - 1:00 pm & 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm
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Saturday 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Sunday 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm

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Monday - Thursday 7:15 pm - 9:15 pm (Intramurals)
Monday - Thursday 9:15 pm - 11:15 pm (Club practices)
Friday 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm (Open rec)
Saturday 11:00 am - 3:00 pm (Open rec)
Sunday 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm (Open rec)

Willet Gym

Sunday - Thursday 8:30 pm - 11:00 pm
Friday & Saturday Closed

Willet Pool

Monday 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Tuesday 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Wednesday 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Thursday 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Friday 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Sunday 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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Carpe Diem

We would reach the tracks before the train did! Burning our last bit of gas we held our breath, as the intersection grew closer to our reality.

As we rounded the last corner, yellow lights flashed as the gates began closing.

With the train immediately to our right, I popped the clutch, grinding my gears, and jumped the truck chassey just under the gates.

Safely across, I slammed on the brakes, and turned to watch the long train pass us by.

Kristina Johnson



CD Review: The Cure's "Disintegration"

Tanner Keith
Opinion Editor

"Disintegration" is by far one of my favorite CD's. I decided to write a review after watching an episode of "South Park," featuring *The Cure's* lead singer, Robert Smith.

In this particular episode, Stan proclaims to Smith that "Disintegration" is the best album ever.

"Disintegration" was released in 1989, and thus became the album that made *The Cure* a known sound.

Although they were thought of as the pioneers of gothic rock, *The Cure* is not as hard as a band like Stabbing Westward.

Perhaps some Emo fans can trace their roots to *The Cure*, but I doubt it.

The opening track, "Plainsong" is a soothing and intriguing instrumental.

The songs "Pictures of You," "Lullaby" and "Homesick" are some of the most entrancing tracks that were produced on this album.

The primary reason *The Cure* is such a superb band is their ability to make their music intertwine perfectly with their lyrics.

Another unique characteristic of *The Cure* is Robert Smith's distinct voice.

This distinctive quality is still prevalent in modern rock. For example, what sets *Disturbed* apart from most other rock these days? David Draiman's raspy voice.

Smith's lyrics are sung with variety and feeling; something almost completely naught in today's music scene.

The majority of *The Cure's* music is excellent, chill listening, and "Disintegration" is no different.

Five stars (what else would I give my second favorite band?)

Be Aware of What You Wear

Janet Jones
Style Editor

If you open almost any women's magazine you will be face-to-face with with pressure to look and dress like the flawless creatures staring back at you. These printed guides to perfection can be easily obtained and followed by anyone wanting to avoid a fashion anachronism.

This social conformity is appreciated and seemingly harmless. However, if you stop to consider that some of these fashion trends require the use of skin from a tortured animal, it becomes evident that this is not a harmless process.

Cows, minks, rabbits, cats, alligators and ostriches are only a few of the animals that must undergo an interminable amount of suffering in the name of fashion.

Most of the leather found in stores around the world, and desired by the most innovative fashion designers, is imported from India.

Since cows are regarded as sacred animals in this culture, this is not only ironic, but strict laws have been installed to ensure that these animals are given the finest treatment. Surprisingly, these laws are being ignored to appease the Western demand for cheap leather.

Aside from the fact that this is a constant violation of India's animal protection laws, and a direct violation to their Constitution, to avoid arrest these highly ambitious smugglers force these cows to march for days, causing many to collapse

from injury, exhaustion or meet an early demise.

These smugglers do not abandon those animals that collapse; that would be cruel. In their years of work, they found it effective to get them back en route by smearing chili peppers and tobacco into their eyes.

If the cows refuse to move once they reach their designated death trap, they are beaten, have hunks of their skin chopped off or are just skinned alive.



Fortunately, in America, we are more progressive and civilized. Here, animal-based clothing and accessories come from factory farms.

Despite the fact that the term "farm" is inclusive of this title, their new home welcomes them to a short existence of overcrowding, deprivation, castration and confinement in half-sunken sheds, surrounded by their own feces and

stagnant water.

There are no federal laws protecting animals on factory and fur farms, so unlike those workers in India, they do not have to hide the fact that they obtain their animal clothing by skinning them alive, chopping off hunks of skin or vaginally and anally electrocuting them.

Each year, the global leather industry slaughters and obtains the leather from more than one billion animals.

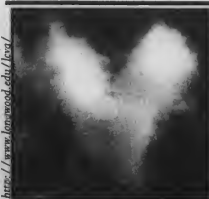
Unfortunately for those who choose to wear animal skin, due to carelessness and capitolism, many of these skins are mislabeled or inaccurately marked.

Not only have these consumers not gotten what they paid for, but they are probably wearing one of the hundreds of thousands of dog or cat skins traded in Europe each year.

Most of this leather is chrome-tanned, despite the fact that the Environmental Protection Agency has deemed all wastes containing chromium hazardous.

This tannery affluent often also contains formaldehyde, hair, lime sludge, sulfides and acids.

Some fashion advice: the next time you adorningly gaze at those magazines, take a moment to remember not only the suffering of these animals, but the fact that you run a high risk of being that unknowing consumer who chooses to cover their back with noxious fur and leather from dog and cat tanneries.



Ellie Woodruff
Cartoonist

Students and faculty alike are anticipating the prospect of the black-tie event to be held at the Longwood Center for the Visual Arts (LCVA) this Saturday.

The LCVA re-opened its doors on January 31 after spending six months dormant. To kick off the completion of phase 1 of the renovations, an exclusive Gala and Auction is taking place.

Preview: LVCA Gala

While the renovations to the LCVA don't drastically change the appearance of the building, they will make subtle differences to the way the gallery will operate and function from day to day.

A passenger elevator has been installed to increase access to family workshops and educational programs, which will be held in the formal classroom built in the lower level of the building.

Restrooms have been shifted to a more central location. Heating and cooling system have been upgraded. New lighting and storefront windows all go a long way to make the LCVA a more comfort-

able environment for the community to explore and appreciate the fine arts.

The Gala and Auction will be attracting faculty and administration, with tickets being sold at \$40 per person.

The event begins at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 12 and will be featuring art works from artists throughout Virginia.

Numerous professors from the art department will have their art on display and on auction. For those interested in attending, tickets are available for a limited time only. For more information, call the LCVA at 434 395-206.

Catch the Spirit: Williams, Epitomy of Spirit



Artist and Longwood dance instructor, Rodney Williams.
Photo provided by Longwood Public Relations.

Ashley Dow
Longwood Public Relations

It is difficult not to notice Rodney Williams.

He can often be seen dancing and singing his way around campus. As the artist-in-residence in the Health, Recreation and Kinesiology Department, Williams has instructed dance classes since 1992.

Williams came to Longwood after being contacted by the uni-

versity to fill in as artist-in-residence while the then current artist and program director, Dr. Nelson Neal was on sabbatical. Longwood knew of Williams's teaching and professional experience after he had been named Richmond City Public Schools teacher of the year in 1992.

Williams's teaching techniques and style of dance was a perfect match for the program and the needs of the university. When Neal left the program in 1995, Williams became the lone artist-in-residence, and has remained so ever since.

"Dance is my life," stated Williams. "When I was young I was always the kid dancing at parties and performing in talent shows." Despite his early love of dance, Williams never took a dance class until his freshman year at The College of William and Mary.

"After taking my first dance class, I discovered I could play, compose and dance to music,"

explained Williams. "I was hooked on dance."

After graduating with a degree in music composition, Williams was an apprentice of African dance at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. He then went on to study with choreographers and dancers from all around the world.

Williams utilized his music degree as an elementary music teacher in Richmond in the early 90's. As a teacher, Williams formed the Blackwell Performing Arts Troupe. The troupe explored music and dance. He believes that his work with the troupe earned him the honor of teacher of the year.

"I formed the troupe to give kids an artistic outlet," explained Williams. "All students in the troupe had to have a C+ average. It was my way of saving kids from the streets and bad behavior."

Williams has continued his

work with the children of Richmond through the Richmond City Dance Troupe. The troupe organized and funded by Richmond City Parks and Recreation, travels around the country performing and competing. Williams enjoys seeing the difference dance has made in the lives of the city dance troupe members.

"I have one student who I found in a rough section of town, and now he is a student at the Juilliard School," stated Williams. "It is wonderful to see the difference dance has made in his life."

Williams recently started his own performing arts company called Charisma, along with fellow artist Dana Cockerel. The company focuses on modern dance.

"I really thought that my professional career would just be as a teacher and choreographer," said Williams. "Forming Charisma has allowed me to

rediscover performing."

Often the Richmond City Dance Troupe and Charisma will perform with the Longwood Company of Dancers at conventions, community events and recitals. The troupe and the company recently performed together at the Southern Humanities Conference in Richmond.

The company is the resident performing dance organization at the university. The company explores all areas of dance including African, modern, lyrical, jazz and hip-hop.

"I love teaching dance and having the opportunity to choreograph my own pieces," explained Williams. "Longwood allows me the freedom to teach the company all forms of dance. I would not have that freedom at other universities."

Williams resides in Richmond. When not busy dancing he enjoys singing and recording gospel music.

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New Year's Resolutions: Practical Makes Possible

Sarah-Tyler Moore
Staff Writer

Only 63 percent of people who make New Year's Resolutions are honoring them in March, according to the University of Washington.

Perhaps the 37 percent who fell short of their goals were aiming too high. After all, not all resolutions have to spur a monumental change like finally losing weight fretted over for years or quitting smoking cold turkey. Why does a determination to conquer the world ensue at midnight on January 1? "What is good about the dawn of a new year is that it gives us an incentive to 'start again,' to discard the bad habits of the previous year and begin afresh," said Anthony Flanagan, author of "Your Guide to Buddhism."

Resolutions that are less superficial, and focus on inner well-being, like resolving to be a better boyfriend, nicer to your friends, or more honest with your feelings receive less publicity. Yet, inner-focused goals

might prove to be more feasible because of gained perspective than the overworked student who resolves to get up at 8 a.m. and run the perimeter of campus during the coldest months of the year.

Drawing upon Buddha's eightfold path, Flanagan recommends four steps that he considers useful in successful resolutions: the effort to avoid, effort to overcome, effort to develop, and effort to maintain.

EFFORT TO AVOID

If you're trying to lose weight you probably shouldn't peruse the ice cream aisle and tempt yourself with the likes of Ben & Jerry, that's the effort to avoid. Junior, Brad Tuggle resolved to be nicer to people, by mastering the effort of avoiding: "I try to just not talk to the people instead of being mean to them."

EFFORT TO OVERCOME

Lisa Mikus, senior, resolved to be more honest with her friends said, "[I anticipate success in my resolution] because I am opti-

mistic and because I think that my friends will be okay with me confronting them with little things instead of blowing up...." Mikus' determination reflects the second principle of the eightfold path—the effort to overcome.

EFFORT TO DEVELOP

It is possible that the 37 percent in the University of Washington's survey who claimed they were not honoring their New Year's Resolution still made significant progress and change—just not the initial or anticipated progress or change.

The effort to develop is often not factored into the equation of resolution; therefore, a person may be too quick to feel disappointed if he or she does not meet their original expectations fully.

To put it simply, "Don't be specific in your resolutions because a lot of times things you plan out don't actually happen and you think you didn't achieve it just because it turned out differently," said Corey Stufflebeem, freshman, who resolved to be a

better boyfriend this year.

Other student's resolutions evolved, too. Tuggle said, "[My resolution] kind of morphed itself into being nicer to the people that I really care about."

"I think [my resolution is] habit forming if I make a conscious effort to do things better in [my] relationship, then after a while I don't have to really think about it." Stufflebeem's attitude also reflects the important ingredient

of development in Flanagan's recipe for success.

EFFORT TO MAINTAIN

The effort to maintain, the final pillar of Flanagan's path to resolution success is arguably the most difficult. Tuggle's advice can help keep a resolution or goal in perspective: "Take it gradually; change is more easily accomplished by steps rather than leaps."

alternative new year's resolutions:

please do something mentally productive this year

1. Make celebrities choose a career and stick with it i.e. don't by Lindsay

Lohan's new CD

2. Stop paying attention to J.Lo's

lovelife So what if her's is more interesting than yours?

3. Start watching TV shows that feature professional actors

It's so obvious that Reality TV is anything but

4. Don't decide what movie to see based on what's at the top of the box office *The majority's opinion can't always be trusted—does the macarena ring a bell?*

5. Avoid award shows *Your opinion about a movie or album is more important, not to mention, magazines cover who wore what anyway.*

6. DVDs are wonderful, but don't bother with alternate endings

Wasn't the best ending the first ending?

Source: cnn.com

Take Care of Yourself, Make Time for Massage

Lee Ann Dail offers massage services to Longwood students and staff.

Marie Firmiani
Guest Writer

Imagine that it has been a hard day, and it's only 11 a.m. You were up late finishing a five page paper. You accidentally slept in so you had to run to class in your pajamas, and your teacher counted your paper as late. You have another 10-page paper due next week, and to top it all off, you have to work on your senior thesis and find a "real job." Luckily you scheduled an appointment today with massage therapist Lee Ann Dail.

As you sink into the massage chair, you immediately begin to relax. The chair is specifically designed so that you can sit forward instead of leaning back. It feels as though you are kneeling as you rest your knees on a cushioned chair.

As you lay down on the

padded headrest, relaxation settles in. Dail places her hands on your back and you feel the tension begin to dissolve.

Dail has been a certified massage therapist for four years. "In 1988, I took a couple's massage class and got a full body massage, and I got hooked. I loved getting a massage and thought that others would too." Dail went to several different massage colleges and continues to pass on the joy of massage to this day.

Dail gives chair massages every Wednesday in the Nottoway Room of the Student Union from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Because of the cost, faculty and staff make up the majority of her clientele. Dail offers a 15 minute massage for \$15 or a 30 minute massage for \$30.

Dr. Pamela Tracy, a Communication Studies professor, received pregnancy mas-

sages. "If you have some spare change, I would highly recommend a massage from her..." said Tracy to her senior students, "...it's important to take care of your mental health as well as your physical."

"Massage has many benefits including stress and pain relief, it improves circulation and helps the body to heal itself, it can relieve tense muscles helping arthritis, carpal tunnel syndrome and stiff backs."

Dail also provides other types of massages for different problems. Swedish massages are helpful for all over relaxation. A deep tissue massage is geared towards specific problems, and energy work massages help balance and realign your body's energy.

"Lee Ann's free massage was great, a lifesaver during exam week," says senior Kristin

Barclay. "It was so incredibly relaxing that I am definitely getting another one this semester."

The free massages are always popular with the students, and most years Dail is fully booked. Dail has been giving free chair massage for students the past three years during exam week.

"The Health and Wellness department, in particular Jason Robertson, invited me to come and give the students massages during exam week." SGA pays her for the students' stress relief massages during exam week.

"I give approximately 20 stu-

dents a massage per day, compared to the five people I give massages to on Wednesdays," Dail said. "It's an intense week, more than I would normally do, but I love giving massages."

To make an appointment for a Wednesday just email leeanndailcmt-appts@yahoo.com.

Students can also look forward to her continuing to give free massages during exam week. Dail reminds us to "be sure to come on Monday or Tuesday to sign up for a massage during exam week, as spots fill up fast."

University of Northern Colorado Bears Maul Lancers

Kyle Martin
Staff Writer

After suffering a 40-point blowout against Appalachian State last Monday, the men's basketball team tried to bounce back in their third straight home game against the visiting 5-16 Bears of the University of Northern Colorado (UNC). With injuries to sophomore, forward Leland Beale and freshman, guard Kevin Schneider the Lancers relied on the performance of their bench players to remain competitive.

"You have challenges and opportunities...it's a big opportunity for them. They are giving every bit of effort they have," Head Coach Mike Gillian said.

In the rematch of their contest last month in Greeley, Colorado, the Lancers took the fight to the Bears early in the first minute, with a jump shot by sophomore, guard Michael Jefferson. Three minutes into the game, freshman, forward Lamar Barrett drained a three-pointer to put Longwood in front 5-2. UNC fired back with a three of their own from sophomore Matt Kline to take their first advantage of the contest (7-5) with 15:42 to play.

With the two teams exchanging baskets early, sophomore, forward Maurice Sumter tied the

game with 13:24 remaining in the period by pulling up behind the arc to hit another three-pointer for Longwood, for an 11-11 score. However, the visitors utilized superior post play from freshman center Kirk Archibeque and senior forward James Randle to establish an advantage.

Over the next 4:38, Archibeque and Randle combined to contribute 10 points beneath the basket to give the Bears a 10-point edge (23-13) with 8:46 left on the clock.

Well-known for the comeback performances, the Lancers trailed by 11 (26-15) with 6:53 to play after senior Sean Nolen connected on a three-point basket. Sophomore guard Husein Pistoljevic sparked the Lancer charge with a three-pointer followed by a Sumter lay-up. After a hard foul from UNC's freshman guard Sean Taibi, junior center Chad Kosmo converted consecutive free throws to slash the lead to four (26-22) with 5:12 left in the period.

Jefferson scored an easy lay-up off a fast break to inch the Lancers within two, but they did not get closer. In the final minute of play, Taibi drilled a three with 00:40 to play, to put UNC ahead by eight. With time winding down, Jefferson drained Longwood's sixth three-point basket of the half with seven ticks left to trail Northern Colorado 38-33 at the break.

Pistoljevic posted a perfect shooting performance in the half for Longwood by making all five attempted shots, including three three-point buckets, to total 13 points. Randle led the offensive assault for the Bears with 10 points in the period.

Northern Colorado's Randle claimed, "Points in the paint was one of the focuses." In the

first half alone, UNC outscored Longwood 20-10 in the cylinder.

Although they kept it close, the Lancers struggled shooting the ball in the second half. UNC's Erik Olson and Longwood's Jefferson exchanged lay-ups to start the half, but Northern Colorado began to pull away.

With less than eighteen minutes to play, Nolen made his fourth triple of the game to start the UNC scoring run. Over the next 7:44, the Bears outscored the Lancers 18-5 and lead Longwood 58-40 with 10:12 left on the clock.

Freshman guard Dana Smith connected on a jumper with 9:56 to go, but Randle put the exclamation point on the contest with a vicious two-handed dunk, resulting in a technical foul for taunting.

With 4:32 remaining in the game, Northern Colorado earned its largest lead of the contest, with Longwood trailing by 27 (72-45) after a lay-from freshman Michael Gordy.

Down the stretch, four free-throws from freshman guard Stanley Boateng, two lay-ups from sophomore forward Jon Larson, and Pistoljevic's final three-pointer, only basket of the half, could not get the Lancers closer than 18 as they lost 76-56. "In the second half, we shot 8-30 and turned it over 14 times," Gillian said describing the second period performance of his team.

Statistically, Pistoljevic lead the Lancers with a team-high 16 points, including four three-pointers. Jefferson was the only other Lancer to reach double-figure scoring with his 14 points, while Kosmo and Barrett each contributed a team-high seven rebounds. Northern Colorado placed five players in double-figure scoring, led by Nolen with a game-high 16 points. Archibeque snatched a game-high eight boards and amassed 12 points in the win.

Larson is quick to note a critical factor in the team's recent performance. "We're not playing up to our potential," Larson explained.

In the late minutes of the last

two games, players such as Larson and Boateng have entered the games, generating a roar from the crowd. Co-captain Sumter is impressed with the young players' performance so far.

"It's been great," Sumter said. "When they get in the game, they produce. This week in practice will be their opportunity to move up the ladder."

Before the game, Larson took on the duty of performing the "Star-Spangled Banner" before the opening tip. "Singing in front of the home crowd is nerve-racking in the beginning, but at the same time, it is a privilege and very fun," Larson claimed. "Being able to sing in front of the home crowd is very, very special while wearing the basketball jersey as well."

The win improves Northern Colorado to 6-16 and drops Longwood's record to 1-23 for the 2004-05 season.

The Lancers travel to the road Feb. 10 to play in a re-match VMI in Lexington. "If we play with the effort we've played with in the second half of the last two games, it won't be a great game," Coach Gillian stated. "If we play with the effort we played with against VMI, it will be a great game."

Although they are currently on a 12-game losing streak, Sumter is confident his team can achieve success on the road. "I expect to go down there and pull off the victory," Sumter said.



Husein Pistoljevic drives the lane for the one-handed lay-up.
by Will Petrus

The men's basketball team returns home on Saturday Feb. 12 and Monday Feb. 14 to play two of their three remaining home games against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi and UMKC. Saturday's match-up is at 3:00 p.m., while Monday's contest is part of a double-header with the women's basketball team playing at 5:00 p.m. and the men's team taking the court at 7:00 p.m.



Michael Jefferson launches a jumper as Bears defenders, Parish Brockman(43) and James Randle(24), look on in vain.
by Will Petrus

Baseball Looks for 27th Straight Winning Season under Bolding

John Rosenstock
Guest Writer

Is there anywhere a college baseball team would rather want to kick off a fresh season in the bitter and chilling month of February than the beautiful and tropical state of Hawaii? The Lancers' first "road" trip of the season was a series against Hawaii-Pacific in Honolulu, Feb. 5-7. The Lancers went 1-4 in the series to start what should become another exciting baseball season.

Head coach Buddy Bolding, who is entering his 27th year at

the helm, leads the tradition-rich program of Longwood baseball. With, 26-consecutive winning seasons, Bolding has compiled a record of 722-331-3, which equates to a winning percentage of .685. The 2005 schedule will make for one of the most demanding seasons Bolding has seen in his career.

Former opponents of the Lancers when they were a member of the Division II Carolinas-Virginia Conference included the likes of St. Andrews, Belmont-Abbey, and Barton.

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Weekly Trivia

Name the only
winless D1
Basketball team
this year?

Last Week's Question
*Who is the last quarterback to lead
the Eagles to the Super Bowl?*
Ron Jaworski

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This year, the squad will be facing formidable teams such as Indiana, Virginia, Maryland, and the pre-season No. 7-ranked team in the nation, South Carolina. There's no question that the competition will be on another level when compared to opponents of Longwood in past years.

"We're especially looking forward to playing South Carolina," said Coach Blanc. "Competing against a team that was in the College World Series last year will show us where we are, and where we need to be to play on the Division I level."

Fortunately, the program boasts some of the most distinguished players in team history. Captain Brett Mooney has posted impressive numbers through his first three seasons. Mooney ended last year with a batting average of .358, 5 home runs, and 32 runs batted in. A fellow senior of Mooney's, Chris Bales (.376, 8 HR, 31 RBI) is another player opponents will need to keep an eye on. Additionally, returning pitcher Alan Moore will be relied on to do some damage on the mound this season. Moore had a strong freshman showing, finishing the season with a 4.10 ERA.

Furthermore, some very strong freshmen have joined the squad. John Farrell and Isaac Weiderman will be in the pitching rotation for Longwood this season. Farrell completed an illustrious career at Nantucket High School last year in Nantucket, Massachusetts. Farrell went out on a very high note, with a .22 ERA and a school-record 127 strikeouts, he certainly left his mark at Nantucket High. Weiderman also had a remarkable senior year at Huntington High School in Huntington, Ohio. He posted a

Leland Beale
Men's Basketball
Sophomore (2nd yr.)
Hometown: Poquoson, VA

Why do you play basketball?

-I was a big fan of watching Shaquille O'Neal on T.V. I saw him dunk and shatter the glass. I always wanted to do that.

Recall your best moment playing here?

-Just playing. Last year, I only played half the season. My goal this year is to play in every game.

What do you like most about Longwood?

-I like that it's two hours from my home. It's great to be able to have my friends and family come and watch me.

Who is your favorite athlete and why?

-Shaquille O'Neal because he dominates over everybody. You give the ball to Shaq and it's a score.

What is your favorite hobby?



-I enjoy playing Playstation 2. I like the excitement of Madden football.

What makes you unique?

-I played basketball at Oak Ridge Academy in Greensboro, North Carolina. It is a military school that taught me how to lead and be successful in the classroom.

What do you want to be remembered as?

-I want to be remembered as being one of the first Division I players in Longwood's history.

Jessica Wilkerson
Women's Basketball
Junior (3rd yr.)
Hometown: Roanoke, VA

Why do you play basketball?

-I choose basketball because I loved it. I played basketball, softball, volleyball and soccer in high school. I loved the competitiveness and the fast pace. I just love the intensity of the game.

Recall your best moment playing here?

-When we won the CVAC (Carolina-Virginia Athletic Conference) tournament my freshman year.

What do you like most about Longwood?

-I like Longwood because it is small and family-oriented. You know a lot of people. I like the smallness of it.

What goals do you have?

-My goal is to be a leader and help underclassmen develop as players at Longwood and help develop the program as we go to Division



Who is your favorite athlete and why?

-My role model growing up was track star Marion Jones. I admired her work ethic and achievement over the past few years.

What makes you unique?

-I'm really compassionate for other people. I try to put other people before myself. I'm very open-minded. I like to be a person people can trust.

FROM THE EDITOR: Are the Patriots Truly A Dynasty?

Patrick Sullivan
Sports Editor

It's been on the lips of every sports caster from local news to ESPN. The word "Dynasty" is being used to describe the Patriots after their most recent Super Bowl victory. With that one word New England has been placed in the same league as the Steelers of the seventies, the 49ers of the eighties, and the Cowboys of the nineties. With one word the Patriots have been launched to the same levels as the Yankees, Bulls, Lakers, Canadians, and Carolina college basketball.

But the big debate is are the Patriots truly worthy of this title? The strongest supporting argument is that they have done something only one team has ever done before; win three championships in four years. Clearly, they are a dynasty if they could accomplish this, right? The only other team to do so was the nineties Cowboys, and they are a dynasty, so should not the Pats fall into the same category?

The next major argument is that they are consistently good in an era designed so that no one will be consistently good. Analysts have said for years that the "Day of the Dynasty" had

ended and the "Rule of Parody" was absolute.

True, the Patriots have won three of the last four Super Bowls, but the difference between New England and the true dynasties is how the played between those championships. In the seventies, eighties, and nineties every year people believed the champions would be the dynasty at that time.

The truth of the matter is the Patriots have not been good enough long enough to constitute the brand of Dynasty.

In fact the Patriots have only been dominant if not a great team the last two seasons. The Patriots were heavily favored against in their first championship year, and were not even expected to win their division. When they did unexpectedly make it to the Super Bowl, they were double-digit underdogs. Many analysts, including this wannabe one, believe the Patriots did not so much win that game as Mike Martz and the Rams lost it. Following that surprise Super Bowl victory, the Pats failed to make the playoffs, losing the division title to the Jets in a tiebreaker.

Another reason the Patriots are so good resides not in the talent they possess, but rather the lack of

talent held by any other team. In the years of parody, the coaching staff of the Patriots has been undoubtedly the best at handling the managing the player turnover.

The Patriots have never been a dominant team against other good teams unless they happened to be named after a certain horse. All their big games have always been close and like in the case of Super Bowl XXVI, the Pats seem to capitalize more on mistakes of opponents than controlling games.

According to many NFL analysts the Patriots' "Dynasty" may be over just as it gets started. With both coordinators leaving for head coach jobs, many believe New England will not challenge for a third straight title. It is speculated that the long stays of Romeo Crennel and Charlie Weiss were more important to the team than the head coaching of Bill Belichick.

In my opinion, in order to become a true dynasty, the Pats will need to rebound from these departures and continue to win. If they are able to be Super Bowl favorites for at least four more years, than they could truly earn the title of Dynasty.

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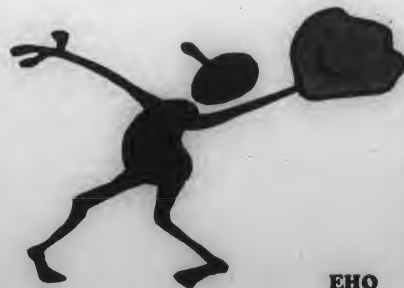
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Fraternity Pledge Period Suspended for Reports of Hazing

Kyle Castillo, Kelly Fischer
& Stacey Kluttz
Guest Writers

Longwood University suspended social fraternities "New member pledge process, pending a review of all fraternity pledge activities by administration," according to a statement made by the Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Tim Pierson, on Sunday, Feb. 13, 2005.

Numerous reports of hazing within undisclosed Greek fraternity organizations at the beginning of the Spring 2005 semester spurred the administration's drastic response.

Farmville police are lending their resources to assist with the investigation; however, Chief Lowe states that "police involvement is currently only being used as an aid for the administration." There is no evidence indicating

that fraternity members are in violation of the law, however, if a violation is uncovered, police involvement might become official.

According to the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, Laura Bayless, "The convergence of evidence all at once is a major problem, so much so that I'm not convinced that new members are safe."

While the specific nature of the current hazing infractions are unknown, the university defines hazing as "any action taken or situation created intentionally, whether on or off Longwood property... to produce mental or physical discomfort, endangerment of life, embarrassment, harassment, intimidation, or ridicule. Examples include, but are not limited to, the following: paddling in any form; coerced physical activity... consumption of harmful food, alcohol, or

drugs; publicly wearing apparel; or engaging in behavior that is in violation of Longwood University regulations or state and federal laws."

Longwood mandates that all organizations, including non-policy holders, must adhere to the Fraternity Insurance Purchasing Group's (FIPG) stated guidelines.

This insurance policy entails 88 different infractions that, if breached, would violate the contractual agreement made by five of the six fraternities.

Four administration members, (Pierson, Bayless, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Wayne McWee and Assistant Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life, Olivia Acosta) met Sunday night with the heads of each fraternity to discuss the dilemma. The initial feeling of those in attendance was that the discussion was "constructive."

While many fraternity members wished to reserve comment on the current situation, those who did speak said that the Greek community was stunned and angered by the decision to suspend all six fraternities at the same time.

According to Kenny Turner, of Tau Kappa Epsilon "I think the situation is extremely unfair, not only to us, but the new guys we took as well."

Some fraternities are so outraged that they are contemplating voluntarily dropping their chartered status with Longwood and relocating off campus.

Matt Coyne, of Alpha Sigma Phi, declared, "If it comes down to it, this will be the biggest decision we've ever made since we've been here in 25 years."

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D-I Move Promotes Construction of New Outdoor Stadium

Kyle Martin
Staff Writer

Construction will begin this semester on a \$5.5 million stadium across from the president's house and Longwood golf course in order to meet Division I standards.

While four varsity sports will have a new place to call home, the men's and women's rugby clubs are still searching for a new place to play.

The 13-acre complex will have a grass field for men's and women's soccer and a turf field will be installed to accommodate field hockey and lacrosse. The facility will replace Barlow Field and Lancer Field as competitive arenas and allow for larger crowds.

"There will be [stadium] seating for 400 people and grass seating for 600 people," said Athletic Director Rick Mazzuto.

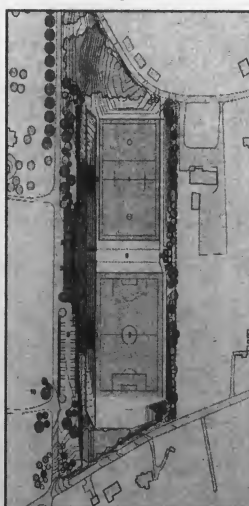
As Mazzuto explained, the new games.

venue is not only a nice addition, but a necessity.

"Artificial turf is interesting," Mazzuto stated. "In Division I field hockey, it's not an amenity. It's a requirement. If we did not build this facility, we would have zero games versus Division I teams at home."

In 2004 the field hockey team hosted one game at Barlow Field to a non-Division I opponent.

Besides field hockey, the soccer programs also have to meet specific field requirements to host length and 70 yards in width.



Plans for the new stadium
Courtesy of Rick Mazzuto

"Lancer Field is too small. We couldn't host a team once we're in a conference," Head Women's Soccer Coach Todd Dyer claimed.

A regulation soccer field is 120 yards long and 80 yards wide, but the current facility does not measure up.

"It's basically over 100 yards in

When we're on the road, all the fields we play on are closer to that regulation size," Dyer explained.

With construction set to begin later this semester, the process will be completed in phases.

"Within 6-8 months, the fields will be built, there will be lights, there will be seating, and public rest rooms," Mazzuto said. He adds, "There will be a limited spectator area in the fall."

According to Dyer, "We'll have the field, lights, [grass] berm, and temporary seating."

Although the new stadium should remedy problems concerning scheduling, overused facilities, and enhance recruiting, it will create a few obstacles to overcome.

When completed, the current outdoor stadium will occupy the field space on Johnston Drive directly across from the president's house and Longwood Golf Course.

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Words From The Editor: Stress Free Hints to Get You Through



Earlier when I sat down to write, all I could think about was how much pressure I am

under right now. And while I could use my column to whine and complain about my stress level, that is certainly not a productive use of time or space.

Everyone is under enormous amounts of stress right now. Mid terms are starting to sneak up on us, the fluctuating weather is hinting at spring, and most everyone I know has one thought running through their heads: spring break is less than a month away.

The thought of spring break makes it even harder to concentrate, believe me, I know.

As a college student who also works part-time and is active within the campus community, a week free of class, schoolwork and meetings seems almost

unimaginable.

Way too good to be true.

But I promise, it really is only a little more than three weeks away, and while it doesn't feel like it at this point, we will make it!

While we're waiting for 5 p.m. on March 11 to arrive, I have brainstormed a couple stress-relieving tactics that have proven favorable in the past. I hope they help.

It has been my experience that stress can only get the best of someone if that person isn't prepared to handle it.

I am by no means an expert, but having had a fair share of experience in this department, I am going to offer you the best advice that I have come across.

Always take breaks. No matter what it is, or what you're in the middle of, you will never get through it without taking some time for yourself in between.

It is a common myth that if you work straight through then

you will get the job done quicker, but this is false.

If you do not allow yourself a breather when you feel like you just can't take anymore, then you are going to focus on how frustrated you are instead of on the task at hand. This will prolong the process even more.

Must do number two: get sleep! A body cannot function properly on less than about six hours of sleep in a 24-hour period.

If you are suffering from sleep deprivation, you are not going to be able to focus properly, therefore you aren't going to be as efficient, which will inevitably lead to a task taking longer than it should. The delay in progress will, without a doubt, add to your stress level.

Your diet can also greatly affect your stress level. If your body is not receiving the proper nutrients, then it is not able to operate at a normal level.

Eating healthy can keep your body running. If you are sluggish and worn out from lack of proper nutrients, then you will not be able to remain centered and focused.

Working out is always a wonderful way to relieve stress. You can

take a break to use your frustration and turn it into a positive energy. Not only does working out give you a break from the task, but it also releases endorphins.

Endorphins are hormones that have been proven to elevate your mood when they are released. By going for a run or hitting the gym for a little while, you would be taking a break as well as releasing hormones that have been proven to make you happier!

A better mood and raised spirits is definitely a good way to dissolve stress.

Do something fun! I'm not telling you to just give up on your work and go spend the entire day shopping in Richmond. However, hanging out with your friends, or calling to talk to them on the phone, lets you forget for a little while.

Even if it is just for 30 minutes, that is a half hour that you haven't been thinking about whatever is causing you stress. Therefore, when you return to your work, it will be with a fresh, new and positive outlook.

I realize that some of these ideas might see like common

sense to some of you, and for that I apologize.

For the rest of you, I wish that someone had let me in on these simple solutions before they did.

Probably the best advice that I ever got was that no matter what; always take care of you first.

Things happen, work gets overlooked and sometimes it never gets done at all. And while I don't recommend making that a habit, if you slip, that's ok.

Number one, above everything else, your mental, emotional and physical health should always be your number one priority.

There is always going to be another job to do, another paper to write, another test to take or another meeting to attend, but unless you have taken care of yourself, none of that is going to matter anyway.

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Praise for the Library

Tanner Keith
Opinion Editor

I am a tutor for the writing center, and the other day at work I was thinking about the Dining hall, how crowded it is and how the wraps are now mini-wraps.

I was thinking about the SGA and it's lack of knowledge in budgeting properly and about the Housing Department for not letting me move off campus.

Understandably, it is easy to think of a few things that displease me about this campus. At about that time, I looked out and saw the students sitting at the computers working, and the person at the reference desk helping someone.

I started thinking about how much I appreciate the library, and mainly about how the Greenwood Library has very few negative

aspects about it.

(Not something I can say about everything here at Longwood.)

The library has an aesthetically pleasing lobby, with tables and chairs to do work, and bunches of new computers with flat screen monitors. The computer system to find books and journals is efficient, and those little pieces of

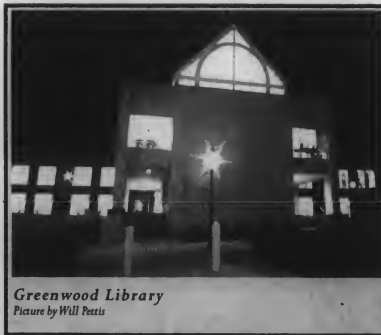
library, be it student or faculty, is friendly, helpful and on the seldom occasion, willing to admit when they don't have an answer for you. I think many other departments of Longwood's campus could learn a thing or two from the library.

Another thing you may not know about The Greenwood Library: they take suggestions.

You can send an e-mail asking the library to acquire a particular book, CD, or movie, and chances are, they'll get it within the year. The library closes at eleven on most nights, at five on Fridays and Saturdays, but the twenty-four hour lounge is of course, always open.

In closing, I want to say that I appreciate the library and all of the people who work there.

I am proud to say that our campus has a respectable library.



Greenwood Library
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The Vagina Monologues are Not Loved by All

U-Wire

I'm just going to say it: "The Vagina Monologues" sucks.

Why the Associated Students of the University of Oregon Women's Center insists on performing this wretched play year after year is beyond me.

The horse is dead, yet they just keep beating it. This thoroughly unremarkable play is certainly worth seeing once. But then again, so is *The Sound of Music*.

For those of you who aren't familiar with the play, "The Vagina Monologues" is a loosely strung together series of poorly written monologues about women and their vaginas.

Or maybe I should say vaginas and their women.

The title of the play appeals to the fourth-grader in all of us who still giggles when we hear the word "vagina."

If the play had a different title, no one would have ever heard of it.

And if it didn't piss off certain Catholic groups so much, it certainly would have fizzled out long ago.

Because of the controversy about the message of the play (or lack thereof), the fact that it's a shallow, rambling mess of pre-packaged feminist cliché that many feminists don't even agree with anymore (if they ever did) has almost completely escaped public discussion.

No one likes vaginas more than I do. I'm the president of the vagina fan club.

But this play just sucks.

The first half is everybody giggling about the fact that an adult just said "pussy" out loud while the second half of the play is everybody crying and feeling miserable about violence against women.

Did I miss the part that was supposed to be empowering?

It's a sad commentary that the great canon of feminist plays seems to consist of one play.

One! For crying out loud, let's get some variety in here.

Let's see something other than "The Vagina Monologues."

Maybe those plays wouldn't suck so much.

From a purely philosophical perspective, I'd like to see a play that's a bit more dialogical.

"The Cunt Conversations" perhaps?

You could totally do a play

cast of the play.

The biggest complaint was that a white student performed a monologue in which the character was African-American.

In other words, these few protesters wanted the directors to engage in typecasting so extreme that it borders on illegal discrimination.

A sad side effect of such "inclusive" exclusivity is that it eliminates acting talent from the cast selection process.

Also, keep in mind that the original cast for "The Vagina Monologues" was a middle-aged white woman doing all the parts -- all of them!

Even more ridiculous than this policy of typecasting is the hypocritical results it achieves.

"It's all about giving a voice to people who've never had the opportunity to speak up before," director Felicia Perez said in a press release.

That's a nice line.

Except when the cast was announced, the sentiment proved to be woefully hollow.

Topping the list of cast members was Eugene mayor Kitty Piercy.

A university vice president, several faculty members and the ASUO vice president were also cast.

They said they wanted to make it more democratic and accessible to the common woman.

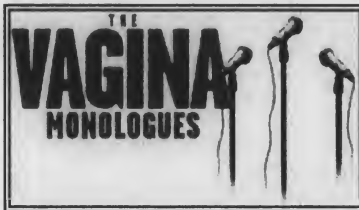
But at the end of the day, they sold out to get a big name and cater to women who are already in a privileged position to have their voices heard.

They didn't democratize "The Vagina Monologues."

They didn't give a voice to the underrepresented.

And they certainly didn't cast the common woman.

All they did was take "The Vagina Monologues" away from the good actresses.



about vaginas and have it be a great play. This one just doesn't happen to be that play.

For that matter, you could do a play about penises and it could be good too.

But there are those who would argue that all Western culture has been about the penis, so maybe it's been done before.

Is there a demand for a "Penis Monologues"?

I doubt it. Besides, after the "Seinfeld" episode about shrinkage, there's not much left to say.

In any case, this year's production by the ASUO Women's Center was particularly pitiful for a couple reasons.

First of all, the political correctness militia won a major victory against quality theater this year when the producers of this year's play decided to typecast rather than hold auditions in response to protests of last year's production.

About 10 people protested the fact that women of color, plus-sized women and lesbians were "underrepresented" in the

Props and Drops

The Rotunda would like to encourage anyone and everyone to submit props and drops to rotunda@longwood.edu

Props:

- + To Elizabeth Cox's reading for part of Longwood's Author's Series.
- + To Savannah State's basketball team for being worse than Longwood.
- + To vaginas, because they bring joy to the world.
- + To Swoops, the awesome chocolate Pringles.
- + To shoe stores closing and having 75% off sales.

Drops:

- To the Longwood baseball opener being cancelled on account of the field being too wet.
- To eating your roommate's Valentine's Day chocolates that they somehow never got.

Speak Out

What do you think of the suspension of the fraternity pledge period?



I think it's stupid!

-Miranda Swecker
Senior



I think that the policy to halt pledging is unnecessary.

-Chad Long
Freshman



It's very unfortunate for the pledges who are excited to become part of a brotherhood.

-Kimberlee Straton
Freshman



It's stupid to punish the whole system for one organization's mistakes; it's just pointless.

-Sean Gilmore
Senior

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While Laura Bayless is upset that the administration is at the epicenter of the fraternity members' outrage, she is quick to defend the administration's actions.

"I definitely understand their anger, but I believe that some students are not safe. I want the investigation to ensure that all Longwood University students are as safe as they can be, that's why this is happening."

Both sides might be digging in their heels in preparation for a showdown, but Dr. Bayless insists that the administration does not wish to convey a message of hostility.

"All four of us [Dr. Pierson, Dr. McWee, Dr. Bayless, Acosta] were members of Greek organizations when we were in college, and we really want the Greek system to succeed. They really couldn't have a group of people that is more committed to maintaining the integrity of the Greek organiza-

tions." Some fraternity members believe that the current level of anger will subside in time.

"The initial reaction to change from a community based on tradition will be resistance. Despite these feelings, the Greek community will have to realize that here, change is necessary in order to survive," said Beau

stated, "I have no idea what's going to happen. This could be the downfall of all fraternities or it could be a positive change for the future."

Bayless remains optimistic "I'm hopeful that every fraternity will be able to initiate new members by the end of this semester." However, she says that, "It's dependent on whether they can prove that they didn't have any hazing occur, as well as showing that they won't be having hazing in the future."

How the remaining chapters of the 2005 fraternity saga unfold depends on what evidence is uncovered by authorities, as well as how much initiative those involved display in curbing future problems.

Reed Fessel of Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity commented, "I just think it's too bad that fraternity hazing got so out of hand that Longwood had to resort to suspending pledging."

Fraternities can only hope this won't end up being a Greek tragedy.



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Weaver, President of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.

The volatility of the situation has led many to believe that Nostradamus himself couldn't predict what is to come of this debacle. Brandon Terpolilli, President of Alpha Chi Rho,

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SGA's Budget Concerns

Ellen Lucier
Guest Writer

funds.

Although the \$550,851.84 the group receives seems like a large amount, it is not enough.

"The Student Activity Fee has not increased in a really long time. We are hoping the fee will be raised to \$90 in the fall," said Moody. The Board of Visitors will vote on this concern on April 2.

Another factor that needs to be weighed is the fact that many clubs did not turn in their budget packets last spring. During the spring semester, it is required that each organization turns in a completed budget packet that allows the SGA to forecast how much money it will spend in the upcoming year.

"When clubs don't turn in their budget packets they aren't able to plan ahead. They end up asking us for money they didn't realize they would need," said Peterson.

Unpaid bills were also an issue. This summer, due to unfilled positions in the SGA's accounting office, some bills went unpaid. Therefore, at the beginning of the 2004 fall semester, the current SGA had been left with accumulated unpaid bills.

Another cause of this problem is cuts in the National Public School Budget. "Many clubs and organizations that used to not be funded by the SGA have now become supported by us because the school just doesn't have the money" said Moody.

"We did make some mistakes in giving certain groups too much money," said Peterson. Larger groups that were seen first during the budget request hearings received more money than usual, leaving less for other organizations.

Although the SGA does have unusually low funds this semester, it is very promising that next year's SGA will be better prepared. A new filing system has been created to help organize the office; it will be used to track funds for each club so that the SGA will know how much money is being spent and on what. "There will be more money next year because of better budgeting," Peterson concluded.

For more information on the SGA go to <http://lancer.longwood.edu/org/sga/>.

A rumor is only a rumor until it has been verified. Since the beginning of the Fall '04 semester, many people have been talking about the Student Government Association's lack of funds to distribute to various organizations and clubs on campus.

The rumor suggests that the reason for the low funds is because of poor accounting in the past.

"It depends on what you mean by insufficient funds," said Andy Peterson, current treasurer of the SGA. "We are low on funds, but it is normal for this time of year."

However, funds are indeed lower than normal, and many organizations on campus will feel the repercussions of this situation.

The SGA currently has about \$5,800 of its original \$550,851 to last until the first of July, and there are approximately 10-15 more club requests to be heard. Many of these needs will not be met.

Many students do not realize that all of the SGA's money comes from undergraduate students. "Each semester the students pay a \$80 Student Activity Fee. This is where the money we distribute comes from," said Peterson.

This past fall the total undergraduate enrollment was about 3,600 students. About one percent of students do not pay their Student Activity Fee, and there is usually an 8 percent attrition rate for the spring semester.

Taking these factors into account, the total amount of money the SGA has for one year is about \$550,852.

The SGA started with a smaller reserve than normal. Every year the SGA sets aside 8-10 percent of its money for the next school year. "One reason for the lack of funds is that last year's SGA set a smaller reserve for this year. It was only eight percent, or about \$44,000, that we started off with," said Peterson.

Both Peterson and SGA President Alicia Moody agree that the Student Activity Fee needs to be raised to increase

Virginia Senate Votes Against Gay Marriage

Janet Jones
Style Editor

On Feb. 7, Virginia Senate approved a measure that would make same-sex marriages unconstitutional by a vote of 30-10. It is now expected to pass overwhelmingly by conservative voters, where all 100 votes will be decided in November.

According to Tyler Whitley, a staff writer for *The Richmond Times-Dispatch*, "In a sometimes-emotional Senate debate on its marriage amendment, which restricts the recognition of marriage to a union between one man and one woman, critics said the measure recalled the Holocaust and Virginia's past support of segregation."

On the day of the vote, ten Democrats voted against the measure, while six Democrats and all 24 Republican co-sponsors voted for it. Sen. Stephen D. Newman, a Republican from Lynchburg said, "This is not about a particular lifestyle. It's

about protecting marriage."

Virginia currently has a law banning same-sex civil unions, now, however, the issue of these couples adopting a child has come into question.

This did not go over well with many, who feel that this is only going to bring up past atrocities such as Virginia segregation and the Holocaust.

Sen. Mamie Locke, a Democrat from Hampton said, "Virginia would be stigmatizing gays, just as Hitler stigmatized Jews in Germany before World War II."

Whitley retrieved other quotes from Democrats. "God made us all in his image -- man and woman, black and white, straight and gay," said Sen. Janet D. Howell, D-Reston in the course of her argument. Howell said Jews in Nazi concentration camps were forced to wear yellow patches, while gays wore

pink patches. "In Virginia today, we do not require pink triangles. We stigmatize and marginalize people in other ways, as we go down a path that we don't know where it will end."

Many Virginia citizens are

relieved that they have leaders in office who support traditional marital

"God made us all in his image -- man and woman, black and white, straight and gay." - Sen. Janet D. Howell, D-Reston

riages. Other Virginians do not feel that gays and lesbians are going to ruin the sanctity of marriage.

Whitley also quotes Sen. Richard L. Saslaw, D-Fairfax, who called his colleagues hypocrites and said if they were really interested in protecting marriage they would look to the high rate of divorce. "It's not what gay people are doing to marriage, it's us," he said.

While the topic of whether or not same-sex marriages should

be legal has always been an issue, there are many more branches of the debate that must also be addressed. Delegates also had to vote to determine whether or not gay and lesbian couples should be permitted to adopt children.

Delegates voted 71-24, requiring social services to take into account whether the couple wanting to adopt the child is gay. Liah Williams, a junior at Longwood University, feels that, "anyone who really loves children would want them to have a good home. Also when you consider everything that gay couples must go through, it seems that they would not waste their time if they did not truly want to have children."

Since Virginia state law already requires state investigators to do background checks on potential parents wanting to adopt, making a law against gays and lesbians for the purpose of protecting the children would only be marginalizing them.

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When asked about the relocation of the rugby teams, Mazzuto replied, "That's something student affairs will handle."

Tim Pierson, Vice President of Student Affairs at Longwood, remains positive about the continuation of both programs.

"Rugby has been one of those things that is enjoyed by Longwood. We will continue to give students the possibility to play and watch," Pierson said.

Although a facility for the rugby teams has not been established, Pierson claims that field options exist. "First Avenue Field looks like a possibility, but it's a back-up field for athletics," Pierson stated.

According to Pierson, the original plan for the outdoor stadium located it within 'The Triangle,' an area designated as the main campus of Longwood University. "In 'The Triangle' there are approximately 40 properties that the University did not own," Pierson explained, "and you can't build something on property you cannot own."

Mazzuto acknowledges that property acquisition led to the change in the site for the project. "[The new plan] allows us to build the fields now because we don't have property acquisition to worry about."

Longwood to Award Dos Passos Prize to Maureen Howard

Kent Booty
Office of Public Relations

Novelist Maureen Howard will be awarded the 24th John Dos Passos Prize for Literature in a ceremony Wednesday, Feb. 23, at 8 p.m. in Longwood University's W. Y. G. Hall Auditorium.

Howard, who will receive a \$2,000 cash award and a medal, will read from her work, and a reception will follow in the nearby Haga Room.

The Dos Passos Prize, administered by Longwood's Department of English and

Modern Languages, is awarded annually to a creative writer whose work demonstrates characteristics found in the work of Dos Passos, such as an original exploration of specifically American themes, an experimental quality, and a range of literary forms.

Howard, who lives in New York City, is the author of nine novels, three of which, *Grace Abounding*, *Expensive Habits* and *Natural History*, were nominated for the PEN/Faulkner Award.

Her memoir *Facts of Life* won the National Book Critics

Circle Award for Non-Fiction in 1978, and she received the 1997 Award in Fiction from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, which said she "commands what may be the most sublime lyric prose style in America...Maureen Howard is an American original of inimitable, prodigious talent, a major poet of the novel."

Publishers Weekly has said her "vigorous prose - at once earthy and sophis-

ticated - is a graceful, arresting



Maureen Howard
Courtesy of Kent Booty, Office of Public Relations

mix of metaphor and a demotic idiom, ironic humor and glistening images."

Her most recent work, published last year, is *The Silver Screen*, the third book of "what she calls a 'quarter' based on the four seasons," said Dr. Martha Cook, a

Longwood English professor who chaired the prize committee and the prize jury.

"That's her summer novel. A *Lover's Almanac*, which students are reading in my American Literature course, is the winter novel, and *Big As Life*, which students in some freshman English courses are reading, is the spring novel. The autumn novel is in progress, as I understand it."

Howard, who teaches courses at Columbia University, also has written the novels *Bridgeport Bus* and *Not a Word About Nightingales*, as well as several stories and two plays.

Previous recipients of the Dos Passos Prize, founded in 1980, include Tom Wolfe, Lee Smith, Shelby Foote and Ernest Gaines. Funding for this year's prize is from the Longwood Foundation through the office of the vice president for Academic Affairs.

Her "vigorous prose - at once earthy and sophisticated - is a graceful, arresting mix of metaphor and demotic idiom, ironic humor and glistening images." - Publishers Weekly

For the Week of February 18 - 24

Friday the 18th Saturday the 19th Monday the 21st Tuesday the 22nd Wednesday the 23rd

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The Roommate Game
9 p.m.
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Night: Norfolk State
7 p.m.
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Chamber Music
Concert: *Baroque Soprano*
7:30 p.m.
Wygall Hall

Longwood Theatre: *Stop Kiss*
8 p.m.
Jarman Auditorium

Think Fast Game Show
10 p.m.
Ballroom

Sunday the 20th

WMLU Radio Meeting
9 p.m.
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Rockin' Roses
8 - 9 p.m.
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The Fo Lizzle Show
8 - 10 p.m.
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Dos Passos Prize Presentation
and Reading by: *Maureen Howard*
8 p.m.
Wygall Hall

Artist Recital: *Melanie Melcher*
7:30 p.m.
Wygall Hall

The Rhythm Bandits
10 p.m. - 12 a.m.
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Thursday the 24th

Longwood Theatre: *Stop Kiss*
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By: Ellie Woodruff



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Interest in Blue Heat Cool this Year: No Dancing this Spring

Naomi Pearson
Staff Writer

Longwood University's Blue Heat dance team began four years ago as a student's dream. The dancers have put on energetic half-time shows at Longwood basketball games, performed at Oktoberfest and Spring Weekend. They have gone on to win back-to-back regional and national competitions, qualifying for another bid in this year's national competitions.

However, the vision of capturing another title this semester is just a dream. Blue Heat simply just does not have enough members to make up a full competition squad.

The team opened up to squad tryouts at the start of Fall 2004 with nine members, but they soon experienced a significant drop in membership due to time commitment and health-related issues.

The present membership

stands at five: four freshmen, a sophomore and two coaches. For competition the team needs a minimum of five dancers; however, not all of the members are able to commit to the additional time required to compete.

Christy Beisheim joined Blue Heat in 2002, danced in its first competition in 2003 at King's Dominion, as well as in the team's double title-winning Eastern Dance Association (EDA) National Competition in Myrtle Beach in the spring of 2004.

Blue Heat took first place in the EDA Virginia State Regional Competition, which made the team eligible for another bid at the EDA National Competition this April.

Upon the December 2004 graduation of Blue Heat's coach and founder Dyanna Giles, Beisheim, the captain, and Amie Worley, the treasurer and member since 2003, took on the jobs of coach and co-coach. Because of the switch in position, they chose not to dance or compete.

Now their job now is to shape Blue Heat's dance routines, as well as to handle the paperwork for the team.

Although the team is disappointed at the prospect of missing this year's Nationals, and despite other internal shake-ups such as a change in advisors and new protocols for performing at basketball games, the members have no intention of giving up. Worley said, "This year's team definitely has a lot of talent and with a few more [members] it would be an awesome team."

In the past they practiced three times a week—or more, as competitions approached—but this semester, while they are in non-competing status, they meet only once a week.

Beisheim said they are working on active recruitment at high schools in Northern Virginia, Richmond and Tidewater—the hometown regions of Blue Heat's members—as well as developing a website. They have plans for tryouts on campus again, and they're looking to next fall as a probable time frame.

To anyone interested, Worley



April 2004 EDA National Championship

Courtesy of Amie Worley

said, "[You] will meet some awesome girls, learn fun choreography and never regret it." Males are welcome to join, "if they meet the qualifications for the team," said Beisheim. "Haven't had any up to this point." Worley added, "If they can 'get down', we'd love to see it. It's such a small school, though, what are the odds?"

After all, the purpose of Blue Heat is to offer Longwood students, to gain experience in a dance team, to

perform at games and to give something different from cheerleading: no chanting, no stunts—just a great two and a half minutes show at half-time that appeals to everyone.

According to Dave Levy, Blue Heat's faculty advisor, they have upheld their standard of excellence in performance through the years and changes in members. "They work really hard...they should be very proud of what they've accomplished."

LU Theatre's Newest Creation: *Stop Kiss*

Ashley Dow
Staff Writer

Friendship blooms and grows in unexpected ways in Longwood Theatre's production of *Stop Kiss*. The play focuses on relationships and how they don't always turn out how we expect.

The main characters of the play are Sara and Callie, two women in their twenties. Sara, who is played by Aubrie Therrien, has just moved from St. Lewis to New York City to teach at an inner-city school. Sara finds herself in a city where she knows no one until she meets Callie, a traffic reporter, played by Mel McConnell.

"This play is about the forming of relationships," explained Therrien. "The characters show how we don't always know how a relationship will develop."

The two women become close friends, and eventually take their relationship to the next

level at when the two share a kiss in Central Park. However, the kiss results in a physically violent attack on Sara by a passer-by.

During their relationship, the two women have to make many choices that will test their commitment to one another.

In the end, one must choose between her past and the uncertain relationship before her.

"After the attack, Sara begins to question whether or not her relationship with Callie is worth it," said guest director Bruce



Aubrie Therrien as Sara and Mel McConnell as Callie in *Stop Kiss*

Photo by Sabine de Leforcade

Speas.

The play is performed in the past and present. All scenes pre-kiss are in the past. The present scenes show what has happened as a result of the kiss.

Stop Kiss opens February 23rd and runs until the 27th. For more information please call the Jarman box office at 395-2474.

THANK YOU!

The Career Center Staff would like to thank all of the Volunteers for their assistance during the Education Recruitment Day on Saturday, January 29, 2005 and the Job and Internship Fair on Wednesday, February 9, 2005.

A special thanks to Alpha Phi Omega, Delta Sigma Pi, and all of the other volunteers, for your assistance during both of these events.

The winner of the Alumni Bag from the Education Recruitment Day, courtesy of the Alumni Office, was Gina Spontarelli

The winner of the Ballistic Nylon Rolling Computer Portfolio from the Job and Internship Fair was Amanda Isley.

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Carpe Diem

Concerts are great! Especially with the constant increase of free drinks or tickets. One night in particular the good karma was definitely radiating off me. Upon returning from retrieving the tickets, I realized my money, ID and tickets were gone. I was devastated; no drinks, no ticket, no ID. I had one option: backtrack.

I walked back down my cold trail, with my eyes fixed to the ground.

After finding them in a bundle I entered to the sound waves of Sublime to dance and crowd surf. I was literally elated off the ground.

Christine Clay

Author Series: Elizabeth Cox

Leslie Smith
Assistant Editor-in-chief

The first Author's Series Reading of the new semester started off with Elizabeth Cox on Monday Feb. 14th.

Dr. Challender hailed the small Valentine's Day crowd as "lovers of literature."

Born and raised in Chattanooga, Tennessee, Cox is now a professor at Duke University.

She has taught creative writing at Boston University, Tufts University, Bennington College, The University of Michigan and the University of North Carolina (at Chapel Hill). She lives in Littleton, Massachusetts with her family.

She started writing poetry in her thirties, and moved to fiction. Her work includes two novels - *The Ragged Way* and *People Fall out of Love* and *Night Talk* - and a book of short stories, *Bargains in the Real World*.

The novel *Night Talk* was recently nominated for the International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award.

Mary Carroll-Hackett introduced Cox, saying, "Her teaching, like her work, is loving and courageous."

Cox read the short story "Saved" from her collection,

Bargains in the Real World.

In it, sex and religion mix when 13-year-old Josie pledges to be a missionary and tries to simultaneously save and seduce a stranger.

The story tackled some uncomfortable chords at times, a feeling that Cox said actually helped her. "I feel that I have not entered the story until I am uncomfortable. If I'm scared, everyone else will be too," Cox said that when people ask her if she considers herself a Southern writer, she says, "Yeah, I guess so. The places I write about are of the south. Family, children, break up of marriages - I write about everyday, normal things."

Her favorite authors include Flannery O'Connor, Toni Morrison, all the Russian writers, Van Gogh, and many others. She

said, "I'm stupid about science, but I love to read it." Brian Green's *The Elegant Universe* gives her great images to work with.

"I used to think that if I read it as the sun came up, then I'd understand it better," she claimed.

As she wrapped up the end of the night, she told both young and experienced writers in the room, "Remember: read, read, read!"



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America the Book: A Citizen's Guide to Democracy Inaction

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Dan Steele
Staff Writer

If you have ever wished for a school textbook that was educational and actually interesting to read, then the brilliant and unapologetic political satirists of "The Daily Show" have finally created one.

Released in September of last year, *America (The Book): A Citizen's Guide to Democracy Inaction* (\$24.99 retail) is everything a person could expect in a book written by Jon Stewart and his cohorts: chock full of skillful satire, stuffed to the gills

with honest criticism, and absolutely freakin' hilarious.

It was hailed by *Fortune* magazine as "basically 'The Daily Show' without TV censors to worry about." The writers have creatively set up *America (The Book)* in the all-too familiar format of a high school civics textbook, complete with "facts" on the sides of the pages, discussion questions and classroom activities at the end of each chapter. And yes, they do like to use the F-word every chance they get.

Chapters are devoted to democracy's history from its historical roots in Greece and Rome, each branch of government, elections, the media, the current status of the world (Canada not included), and even to a possible future in 2184. No subject is too sacred to laugh at (the foreword "by Thomas Jefferson" is an exceptionally hilarious heresy), and practically everybody remotely involved with the history of this country comes under the fire of comedic shots launched by Stewart and company. If any-

thing, the reader will find the humor in this exploration of our democracy to be good-natured and the mood equally patriotic and celebratory of American Democracy as it is critical.

While one can open *America (The Book)* up at random and read just about any page to get a laugh, the clever writing and brilliant wit of "The Daily Show" staff makes this book one you will want to sit down and read through from cover to cover.

The book is not very long; with about 230 pages of extensive and sometimes side-splitting illustrations and detailed diagrams, most will find the reading to be light. *America* can easily be finished in a day, but it is possible to spend weeks finding hidden comedic nuggets.

Fans of "The Daily Show," politics, satire or seeing high government officials naked (just approach page 99 with caution. Don't say I never warned you), *America (The Book)* is the textbook you'll wish was actually assigned for a class.

LCVA Gala Deemed a Success

Ellie Woodruff
Cartoonist

Arriving at the Gala at 6:30, gallery goers would be astounded at the crowds of people already there--and not just there, but dressed to the hilt as well.

Inside the newly renovated LCVA, the scene wasn't Farmville at all. Instead it was like something borrowed from a Friday night in Richmond or New York City.

Farmville turned up for this black-tie event and turned up ready.

What makes this event unique is obvious, even more so to the art patrons who paid the forty dollars for the privilege of attending this black-tie event.

It was an opportunity to dress and impress colleagues and friends. It was a chance to further diminish the notion that Longwood and Farmville are too provincial to appreciate the fine arts or pull off a successful gallery re-opening. Both corporate and individual sponsorship made the renovations

and Gala possible. While the LCVA was down for improvements, the staff was working hard to make plans for the reopening and events that would follow in its wake.

Not only was the stunning artwork submitted by local artists and collectors, but the efforts of the LCVA to make this Gala more than a gallery walk through were highly successful.

The catering, done by Aramark, featured several vegetarian options, sushi, exotic dainties and an open bar.

The atmosphere was surreal--to think this caliber of food and quality of company was here on Main Street Farmville.

The definition of "black-tie" by Farmville standards, by the way, ranges to include kilts, pin striped zoot suits, top hats and formal evening wear with trailing trains.

The art goers were as eclectic as the pieces the gallery had up for silent and live auction.

Ceramic work, quilts, wood-working, steel sculpture, paintings, photography and more were all available to the highest bidder.

The attendees and the LCVA had an overall positive impression of success.

While a few pieces were not sold, the majority of them did and the LCVA still needs a few more days to know exactly how much money was raised by the auctions.

The highest selling piece, an oil painting on canvas entitled "Summer Porch," sold for \$2,050.00.

Even during the event that night, many people were hopeful for a repeat Gala the following year.

However, the LCVA thinks that it would be in their best interest to keep the event a bi-annual rotation.

For more information about upcoming LCVA events, check out their website at www.longwood.edu/lcva/ and keep an eye on the Rotunda for announcements.



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CD Review: Cannibal Ox

Kyle Castillo
Staff Writer

Every so often an album comes along that infects your eardrums with sound waves so potent you'd swear that you've been exposed to a virus. Wu Tang's 1994 debut album, "Enter the 36 Chambers," had a unique gritty sound that burrowed itself into the minds of many hip-hop fans. Since then, many artists have tried to create a similar sound-scape, but few have been able to accomplish such an illusive feat.

In 2001, New York based hip-hop duo, "Cannibal Ox," released their only album to date "The Cold Vein," on Definitive Jux records. The album exudes atmospheric qualities unrivaled since the days when Shaolin was an official bureau of New York.

Armed with an imposingly vast vocabulary, "Can-Ox" MC's Vordul Megilah and Vast Aire paint a vivid portrait within the

listeners' minds, ala "GZA" or "Nas."

"It wasn't even like that; I wanted my cardiovascular to fight back; cupid had me running circles blindfolded, in the day-

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time with a flashlight, looking for her." (The F Word.)

Producer and Def Jux label owner El-P, caps off the group's arsenal of musical talent with his trademark street-sonic sound, flawlessly complementing the MC's styles. El-P accomplishes the difficult task of allowing the

individual song to have its own distinctive feel, while ensuring that each song acts as a layer, building upon the one preceding it. With seamless production, "The Cold Vein" is truly an album as opposed to a compilation of singles.

The CD jumps off with the staggeringly melodious song "Iron Galaxy," in which the MC's utilize their vernacular to sculpt emotionally driven vignettes, exposing more about their persona in one song than most artists are able to accomplish throughout an entire career. Vast Aire states, "I rest my head on 115, but miracles only happen on 34th so I guess life is mean."

Other highlights include the epic "A B-Boy Alpha" and the finale worthy "Pigeon."

While stylistically on a different level than "Enter the 36 Chambers," "The Cold Vein" undoubtedly reaches legendary album status, giving others a new style to attempt to emulate.

Results from the 47th Grammy Awards

Rap Album of the Year: Kanye West

Album of the Year: "Genius Loves Company," Ray Charles

New Artist: Maroon 5

R&B Album: Alicia Keys

Song of the Year: "Daughters," John Mayer

Lifetime Achievement Award: Jerry Lee Lewis

Female Pop Vocal Performance: "Sunrise," Norah Jones

Contemporary R&B Album: "Confessions," Usher

Rap Solo Performance: "99 Problems," Jay-Z

Alternative Music Album: "A Ghost Is Born," Wilco

Rock Album: "American Idiot," Green Day

Soundtrack: "Garden State"

Comedy Album: The Daily Show With Jon Stewart Presents... America: A Citizen's Guide to Democracy Inaction, Jon Stewart and the Cast of The Daily Show.

Pop Instrumental Performance: "11th Commandment," Ben Harper

Stevie Jay: Comedian, Storyteller, Insightful Artist

Leslie Smith
Assistant Editor-in-Chief

In 1998, Stevie Jay Savit decided that the world needed him. "[The show] became something I had to do," he said.

The show, Life, Love, Sex, Death...And Other Works in Progress, came by Longwood last Tuesday night.

Stevie's take on the show: "The show is a journey into the wild world of relationships and sex and life in our modern times! It delves into the struggles we all go through as human beings, to express ourselves honestly and passionately—to love fearlessly, and to reach out to the people we're attracted to, even when we're scared."

He's performed at many dif-

ferent venues, including Kennesaw State University, Indiana University, University of Oregon, Charlottesville's Live Arts Performance and The Gravity Lounge. The show has even toured internationally in London and Scotland.

Stevie does the show because,

"It's a blast to make people laugh, of course—and all the more fulfilling to help people get down to some of their core issues and expand their thinking beyond conventional boxes."

The show touches on each of the subjects in the title, and includes a chakra

tutorial in the middle.

One of Stevie's main focuses was "Love." "Intimate relationships are difficult for all people—

it's a universal struggle, and as far as I'm concerned, the key question to delve into is not whether one loves a man or a woman, but whether one loves at all," he said.

"There's so much greatness to be realized in our personal relationships—and there's no question that this is what will matter to each of us at the end of our lives—real love and connectedness—safety, honesty, and respect. This is what matters to us now. So let's not miss it—while we're still here."

Sexual labeling is another large part of Stevie's show. "There is so much grief about sexual orientation nowadays—and what a psychic drain that is—distracting us from what really matters," he said. "I don't really think in terms of gay and straight—I think that people are people."

Stevie is very concerned with the matter of male closeness in any respect: "It has become a cultural norm, in the Western hemisphere, at least, for men to be emotionally absent and non-

expressive. So when two men get together in any context, there is the greater possibility of an unwillingness to communicate openly."

He gets very emotional about this issue, continuing, "The fact is, men (just like women) have great admiration for one another, and a deep longing to connect with one another in a multitude of ways—a need to be loving, to be honest, to be unguarded—to be real with one another—and our culture simply does not allow for this!"

"We are taught to lie about it, to be ashamed of it, to hide it, to alter it, to essentially squeeze the life out of it, which is totally damaging because men connecting with other men is an inherent human need," he finished.

Freshman Kat Peets was the

Committee Chair who initially talked to Stevie, and worked with him up to the actual night of the show.



"I liked Stevie's performance. I feel that he might have been odd for this campus, but his performance was phenomenal," said Peets.

While the student turnout for the event was small, the group was excited, and reacted strongly to Stevie's performance.

"I liked it, very much. It was very interesting. I really liked the way he addressed the [homosexual] labels, because I agree that labels are very bad," freshman Aden Rowe said about the show.

Stevie's messages of love and acceptance are loud and clear, and hopefully more people will learn to pay attention.



Online Courses: Could Cons Out Weigh the Pros?

Kyle Castillo & Kelly Fischer
Staff Writers

Online courses offered this past summer provide an alternative to traditional classroom learning formats, allowing students to gain credit for a class within a time period as short as two weeks.

The initial courses offering were limited to two courses, Comm410: Communication Technologies, taught by Dr. Bill Stuart, of the Department of Communication Studies & Theatre, and CIMS170: Computer Applications, taught by Dr. Linda Lau, an Associate Professor of Computer Information Management Systems.

The trial period offered some insight to both professors as to what benefits online classes offer, as well as the shortcomings the change presented.

While there may be no face-to-face interaction, both professors quickly discovered that

technology has the ability to bridge what might otherwise be perceived to be a communication gap.

Stuart stated that, "I enjoyed teaching my class. I felt that the students overall got a lot better at being resources for each

"I felt that I paid \$400 for basically teaching myself."

-Ashley Dow, Senior

other. They would post a question to the discussion board and their classmates would help them when I could not be around quick enough to do so."

Online courses utilize the Blackboard system, (which most Longwood students are already familiar with), giving its users access to online message boards, where they can post questions or give advice to classmates.

Because students had limited access to the professors, many students utilized the message board, forming a tight knit

online community.

According to Lau, online classes are not for everybody. "We cater to those students who are independent," said Lau. Due to the intensity of online courses, the need to be proactive and resourceful is not just a recommendation; it's a mandate for success.

Ashley Dow, of Stuart's summer 2004 class stated, "It was difficult, because if you didn't know how to use the programs then it was more of teaching yourself, and the class I took was only three weeks long. I felt that I paid \$400 for basically teaching myself."

Stuart concurs with Dow saying, "Since the classes are taught in a much shorter time than a normal semester, if a student misses one class, it puts them very far behind. The great news is that Longwood students would have either delayed graduation or have a more complicated schedule if these online courses weren't offered."

Dow was one of those students who said, "Online classes are good to take because I wouldn't be able to graduate if they hadn't offered the class I took."

Lau found that many of the faults that online courses have are fixable. Most of the stumbling points she encountered were because of miscommunication.

Lau believes that with time

"We cater to those students who are independent."

-Dr. Linda Lau

students and teachers alike will become more comfortable and aware of how to convey their messages.

Online courses may provide greater temptation for Honor Code violations. "That was the biggest problem I had with online courses, because there really is no way to know whether or not the student will cheat on a

test or project; but it's not like there's not opportunities to cheat within the classroom," said Lau said.

The ability to cheat on an online test might not be able to be stopped, but efforts are being made to make it more difficult. Online classes utilize "SAM" software, which places a strict limit on testing time. "SAM" does make it more difficult, but the ultimate fate of the Honor Code rests in the individual students' personnel integrity.

Online courses are not devoid of potential problems such as cheating, communication problems in student-professor interactions and increased workloads.

While students and professors alike may have a fear of the unknown, online courses are forging the path of the future in education. Limited only by the restraints of technology and the initiative one is willing to exert, online courses stand on the precipice of tomorrow, and we may never look back.

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Catch the Spirit: Hackney Gives Back to His Community

Wes Hackney, always making time for his Longwood family, as well as his own.



Wes Hackney from the Facilities Management Dept. in his Cub Master attire.

Photo provided by Longwood Public Relations.

Ashley Dow
Longwood Public Relations

"Like a big family," is how Wes Hackney describes his relationship with co-workers in the Facilities Management Department.

Family is a very important part of Hackney's life at and away from Longwood.

He spends much of his time devoted to his 11-year-old son John Michael and his youth activities.

"When my son joined Cub Scouts I started going to the meetings," explained Hackney. "The next thing I knew I was a

Den Leader and that is how it all started."

Over the past few years, Hackney has followed his son through Cub Scouts and assumed new roles with greater responsibilities.

Currently, he is Cub Master of the Prince Edward-Farmville Cub Scouts. He presides over pack meetings and attends various committee and roundtable meetings each month.

"Even though being Cub Master is time-consuming, I like helping the kids," stated Hackney. "I also try to get the parents more involved in Cub Scouts."

Hackney has taken his scouts to Richmond Braves games, the circus and ice hockey games. However, his favorite event is taking his scouts to camp every summer in Goochland.

While at camp, scouts learn the basics of first aid, fishing and archery. They also have the opportunity to advance their swimming skills and learn how to cook outdoors.

"The best thing about camp is all the activities the kids can enjoy," stated Hackney. "Camp also allows scouts from all over Virginia to meet and exchange

ideas."

Despite his in-depth involvement with the Cub Scouts, Hackney still finds time to coach baseball with the Prince-Edward-Farmville-Youth Association.

He has been a coach for six years.

"I like being a coach so I can teach the kids sportsmanship and how to play the game," said Hackney. "Hopefully what I have taught them will stay with them throughout life and other activities."

Similar to Cub Scouts, Hackney says baseball provides youth an opportunity to gain self-confidence and new skills.

"It is important that students participate in activities and sports," said Hackney. "They will stay out of trouble, have a better outlook on life and develop leadership skills."

Hackney plans to work with kids as long as he can. He enjoys their excitement and enthusiasm.

"People always tell me I am a big kid at heart," explained Hackney. "I really just like helping kids."

Hackney was born at Southside Hospital and raised in Farmville. He has worked for Longwood for eight years.



Photo taken from the Albion College website.

Rubber Bracelet Craze: Can Fashion Have A Purpose?

Holly Weiss
Guest Writer

What is going on with these bracelets that everybody has been wearing lately?

Livestrong? Support our Troops? Dream? Athena? Find the Cure? I did not vote 4 Bush?

The new silicone bracelet craze all started when Nike offered to make the now infamous yellow Livestrong bracelets for the Lance Armstrong Foundation. Once those became popular, companies everywhere began cashing in on the fad.

If you do a search on eBay, you can easily get hundreds, if not thousands, of hits for bracelets that look like the yellow bands seen around campus.

And since so many are cashing in, there are very few whose profits actually are seen by non-profit organizations around the country.

Out of the hundreds of bands that are seen on eBay and other internet retailers, only 17 were

found to have a real affiliation with a non-profit group.

Many of those non-profit groups are cancer-oriented, like the American Cancer Society (offering bands that say "Livefree Smokefree" and "Share Beauty, Spread Hope").

One of the bands that came up most often was one for and said "Tsunami Relief." However, only one of these eBay sellers explicitly said that the profits were going to AmeriCares, an organization that is helping with tsunami relief.

And, of course, there are many out there that do not even claim to be going to a non-profit. For example, the green camouflage band that says "Support our Troops" has no affiliation with any non-profit organization.

It's simply people who want to cash in on the popularity of these bracelets.

And rather than doing something good, people who buy the fraudulent bracelets are not helping anyone but the sellers.

The black bracelet with "I did not vote 4 Bush" is starting to gain popularity among eBayers and Democrats.

This one in particular is in a different category all in itself, because the creator does not even know where the proceeds will go yet.

On the retailer's webpage (www.ididnotvote4bush.com), there is a poll asking where people would like the money to go, such as the Human Rights Campaign, Democracy for America, or Planned Parenthood.

WHAT DO ALL THESE BRACELETS MEAN?

Celebrate Hope - A purple bracelet that goes toward the American Cancer Society.

Livvelong - Support Breast Cancer Research and Education. A rainbow one goes toward the Livvelong Organization.

Athena: Victory starts here! - A pink bracelet that goes toward Athena Partners, an organization trying to find a cure for breast cancer.

Mothers, Daughters, Sisters, Friends - A pink bracelet that goes toward thebreastcancersite.com.

Fear Nothing - A blue bracelet that goes toward the American Cancer Society.

Cultivate Peace - A blue bracelet that goes toward thehungersite.com.

MakePovertyHistory - A white bracelet that goes toward Oxfam, an organization that teaches people around the world how to survive.

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Saturday 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Sunday 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm

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Sunday 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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Longwood Part of Southern Humanities Conference

Ashley Reams
Staff Writer

At least six Longwood students and 14 Longwood faculty members took part in The Annual Conference of the Southern Humanities Council at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Richmond Feb. 3-6.

Dr. Greg Salyer, Lecturer in English, and Mary Carroll-Hackett, Assistant Professor of English, co-chaired the event, which was sponsored by Longwood University for the first time.

This year's conference also saw "the most participation by far from Longwood students and faculty," said Salyer.

The general theme of the conference was "Imagination and the Public Sphere."

Students Walter Gray, Matt Prickett and Melaina Evans, as well as Susan Stinson, Lecturer in English, participated in their own panel presentation entitled, "Prince Edward County School Closings: Longwood University Looks Back."

In this presentation, they each focused on a particular aspect of the Prince Edward County school closings just before the

civil rights period in the late 1950s. Gray's presentation, "A Child of Closing" concentrated directly on how the closings affected the youth of that time.

Gray interviewed Reverend Samuel Williams, who was a student of Moton High School in Prince Edward and a participant in the high school walk out. "It was great meeting writers and

Going to be a Teacher," as a look into "how women come up through the system" as English majors. "Female undergraduates are interested in teaching because they do not know that English majors can go into other fields," she said.

"Teaching seems convenient," Smith added, "but there are other opportunities for female English majors."

In addition to participating in their own forums, Longwood students ran the registration table and helped set up and break down audio/visual equipment.

Hackett, who was responsible for organizing the creative writing aspect of the conference included readings from different authors and panels of Longwood's creative writing students as well as writers from all over Virginia. She said the Longwood students, who participated were "absolutely essential" to the success of the conference.

"All of them were poised and prepared," added Hackett, "Participants from other schools even thought they were graduate students."

Students were not the only ones who represented

Longwood at the conference; Longwood faculty members participated as well. Dr. Michael Lund, Professor of English, gave what he described as "a formal talk" entitled, "Writing Vietnam after 9/11."

Dr. Lund served as an Army correspondent in Vietnam and hid what he knew until Sep. 11, 2001. After the terrorist attacks, he decided to "offer the lessons of history to be taken or rejected."

Rodney Williams, dance instructor with the Department of Health, Recreation and Kinesiology at Longwood, choreographed pieces for the conference as well.

According to Carmen Phelps,

Assistant Professor of English, faculty members also promoted student involvement. "The conference brought students out of the Longwood atmosphere and into a broader context, which let them demonstrate their talents and skills," she added.

The Southern Humanities Council is over 50 years old and is geared toward people who are interested in Humanities.

This year, professors from around the world participated in the conference. "We have gotten positive feedback from the participants," said Salyer "They look forward to next year."

For more information, visit www.southernhumanitiescouncil.org/2005program.html.

Longwood students who participated were "absolutely essential" to the success of the conference.

-Mary Carroll-Hackett

people of literature from around the world," Gray said about the conference.

Prickett's segment focused on the "unanswered questions" brought about by the closings and the general attitude of that time.

"It seems to be something the community wants to ignore," he said.

Student Leslie Smith participated in a feminist forum entitled, "What Women Really Want."

Smith described her presentation entitled, "Oh, So You're

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The Writing Lab is located in Room 154 in the Information Commons of the Greenwood Library, offering FREE assistance to students to enhance their writing skills.

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Culture Shock for Longwood Minorities

Mallory Gordon
Guest Writer

On Feb. 14 a meeting of minority peers gathered to discuss what it feels like to be a minority in a majority world, specifically a minority at Longwood.

Imagine being one of only two black girls in your class. A class discussion on slavery is being held, and the teacher, while attempting to use someone as an example, says "say I owned...you," and points his finger directly at you.

This is just one of the daily struggles minorities have to face

on a day-to-day basis.

"Diversity is very broad here at Longwood. It's either she's short or she's tall," says Kyra Greene, Secretary of the Black Student Association (BSA). Dr. Theresa Clark says, "We need to include race, gender, and sexual orientation into our definition of diversity."

Longwood's total minority student population is about 11 percent, seven percent of whom are African-American.

Dr. Pam Tracy, director of women's studies, wonders why Longwood should think of

diversity so broadly. Perhaps it is because "broadening our diversity makes it seem like we have

"We need to include race, gender, and sexual orientation into our definition of diversity."

-Dr. Theresa Clark

more diversity than we actually have," said Tracy.

Whitney Dunlap, vice-president of the BSA, says, "People feel like they have to be quiet about it. Diversity is something

we just don't really talk about on campus."

Audry Henderson, comments that "Longwood knows there's a problem with diversity; they just don't know how to fix it."

There has been talk of working toward change with the faculty and staff. Longwood has discussed hiring more minority staff members on campus, but Tracy and others wonder, "Does this mean minorities for the lower paying jobs or the higher paying positions?"

The Committee on

Diversification of Faculty recommendations are now being revisited. "Apparently you can't talk about diversification of faculty if you can't talk about diversification of students," says Tracy.

Members of the BSA, other minorities, students and professors are all concerned with the diversification of Longwood.

Perhaps with more talk, diversification may, in time, increase.

Until then, it takes people from this meeting, and others concerned with Longwood's growth as a University, to continue to speak out.

Lancers Handed Loss by Visiting UMKC Kangaroos

Lancer's Bench Scores 29 of 51 points as Longwood's Losing Streak is Extended to Fourteen Games

John Rosenstock
Staff Writer

The visiting University of Missouri-Kansas City Kangaroos won 12 of their previous 14 games when they arrived at Longwood for a Valentine's Day showdown. Coming off a 19-point loss to Texas A&M-Corpus Christi on February 12th, the Lancers looked to snap a 13-game losing streak against the Kangaroos.

Facing a suffocating defense and outstanding scorers, Longwood had a tough time settling down and getting into a rhythm. After a scrappy start on

both ends of the court, UMKC sophomore guard Quinton Day hit a three-pointer for a mere 5-2 score within five minutes of play in favor of the visitors. Day gave Longwood a glimpse of what was to come, as the Kangaroos made six more threes in the contest.

Longwood's freshmen guard/forward Dana Smith got the crowd into the game with a powerful block on the defensive end, however the squad continued to struggle on offense. UMKC limited the Lancers to just four points in the game until freshmen guard Stanley Boateng converted a lay-in with 9:40 left in the first half. Sophomore forward Leland Beale followed with a short jump-shot to bring the score to 20-8 near the eight-minute mark.

With momentum in favor of UMKC, sophomore guard Michael Jefferson found an opening and powerfully dunked the ball, bringing Longwood's total to 12 points around five minutes remaining in the half. Jefferson scored two more times before the conclusion of the first half. However, the Kangaroos outscored the Lancers 37-16 going into half-time.

At intermission,

UMKC had only made five more shots from the field than Longwood. The 21-point difference came from the Kangaroos' three-point shooting as well as free throws. UMKC was 4-7 from beyond the arc and 7-11 from the charity stripe, compared to Longwood, 0-3 and 0-4 in those categories.

The Lancers got on the board early in the second half as Jefferson made a pass down-low to junior center Chad Kosmo finishing the play with a lay-up within the first minute of play. However, the Kangaroos' Brandon Temple and Quinton Day, among others, continued to make big plays to keep their opponent down.

Similar to the first half, several "in-and-out" jump shots plagued Longwood early in the period. Additionally, seven quick fouls put UMKC in the bonus with 12 minutes remaining in the game.

As hopes for a victory were coming to an end, several bench players contributed for Longwood in a big way. Sophomore forward Darren Holmes got the crowd excited as he put up six points and grabbed a rebound, playing nine minutes late in the game.

"It felt good to come in and help out," Holmes commented. "The bench players work hard and try to come in and boost the morale towards the end of the game."

When asked about his bench's performance, head coach Mike Gillian said, "They did a good job, worked hard, and I'm glad

they got a chance to do that."

A typical starter at guard, Husein Pistoljevic, came off the bench and collected the Lancers' only three-pointers, drilling two distance shots late in the contest. According to Gillian, Pistoljevic was replaced by Smith because of hard work, and Pistoljevic's shot has been a little off.

Even though the Lancers never made a serious charge at UMKC, they played a better second half and were outscored by just two points (37-35). Also, Longwood's bench outscored their opponent's bench 29-16. Despite impressive bench play, Longwood lost their 14th straight contest, 74-51.

"[UMKC is] a really good team," Gillian said, "and there is a reason they have now won 13 of their last 15."

The Kangaroos dominated on the offensive end with three players finishing in double-figure scoring. Temple led all scorers with a game-high 16 points, Day contributed 14 points, and Aaron amassed a double-double with 11 points and a game-high 14 rebounds.

Jefferson was the lone player in double-figures for Longwood, totaling a team-high 12 points. With five boards apiece, Jefferson, Kosmo, and sophomore forward Maurice Sumter



Michael Jefferson goes for a reverse lay-up around Mike English (42)
Photo by Will Pettus

led the squad in rebounds.

Jefferson recognized several advantages UMKC held, mentioning, "Their effort, energy, and size were all factors for the loss."

The men's basketball team plays their last three away games at Appalachian State, James Madison, and #5 Wake Forest before returning for their final home game of the season against Utah Valley State on March 2.



Michael Jefferson (20) scores two of his twelve points as he gets the slam dunk as both teammates and opponents look on.
Photo by Will Pettus

Women's Lacrosse Set for First Full Division I Season

Kyle Martin
Staff Writer

Last year, the lacrosse team fell one win shy of a perfect season in their first year of the Division I re-classification process with an impressive 14-1 record. Senior mid-fielder Emily Bikowski said, "This is the hardest schedule we've ever had, but there's no reason we shouldn't go undefeated if we play team ball."

This year, the Lancers face their first full season against all Division I opponents including

in-state rivals Virginia Tech and William & Mary. In order to pursue this goal, the team added Lael O'Shaughnessy to handle assistant coaching responsibilities and aid Head Coach Janet Grubbs in the transition process.

"With each year of coaching, I have more experience and a more educated approach," O'Shaughnessy said, "I learn more about how to think and view situations on and off the field as a coach." O'Shaughnessy's previous experience in recruit-

ing, scouting, and strength and conditioning at William Smith College should help her adapt to her new role.

Grubbs already notices a difference with O'Shaughnessy's presence in the program. "She's good off the field and she's good in the office. She brings some new ideas to the program, a passion for the game, and she relates well with the players," Grubbs claimed, "It's made a huge difference in my life to have a full-time assistant."

Besides adding a new assistant coach, the Lancers gained five new players, all freshmen, to complement the 18 returning players from last year's squad. Compared to last year's team, Grubbs seems confident about the defensive lineup with returning senior players Shawn Slotke, Heather Crouse, and Leah Graham.

However, she feels work needs to be done on offense. Last year, the Lancers outscored their opponents combined in goals,

225-124.

"We kept all of our defense. We have five seniors on defense. Attack is where we are going to have to fill in," Grubbs said.

In order to fill in the gaps, first year players such as freshman attacker Joyce Haines will need to adapt to the change in the level of play from high school to Division I.

"It's a lot more competitive and hard work than high school," Haines explains. "Basically, in See LACROSSE p. 15

Women's Basketball Continues to Dominate Inside the Walls of Willet Hall

Kyle Martin
Staff Writer

Home sweet home. This year, the women's basketball team has been dominant at Willet Hall, winning six of their seven home games prior to Monday nights Valentine's affair with the Division II Panthers of Virginia Union University (VUU). Head Coach Shirley Duncan explains the decision to play a Division II team.

"Well, we've got 26 D-I games and we've got two games to work with," Duncan said. "Virginia Union is close by and we've played them over the years and it's a good situation for them as well as us because they are so close."

The Lancers are struggling on the road currently 5-11 away from Farmville. Longwood came off of a 58-39 win over Savannah State last Saturday before their final five games of the season.

In the first half, the Panthers got off to a slow start with senior guard Pira Stellmacher missing a three-pointer in the opening minute. Senior forward/center Marita Meldere nailed a lay up beneath the basket with 19:29 remaining, giving Longwood a lead they never lost.

Three consecutive turnovers for Virginia Union gave the

Lancers several scoring opportunities, including a pass from sophomore guard Abigail Freese to set up junior guard Jessica Wilkerson's triple with 17:53 on the clock.

The Panthers reached the scoreboard less than four minutes into the contest on a lay up from sophomore guard LaToya Green for a 7-2 score.

Virginia Union cut Longwood's advantage to three (10-7) after junior forward/center Andrea Bellamy's free throw with 14:48 to go, but the Lancers used the next five minutes to pull away.

Senior forward/center Catherine Dunn drilled a three with 11:54 left in the half to make it a 17-9 score. VUU's Green answered with a three of her own, but a jumper from junior forward Ashley Mason, a lay up from Meldere, and another three from Wilkerson put Longwood ahead by 12 (24-12) with less than 10 minutes to play.

The Panthers lost a chance to gain ground on the Lancers, missing nine shots in less than two minutes before sophomore center Shawanda Geter made a pair of free throws for a 24-14 score with 7:29 left in the period.

Longwood outscored the Virginia Union 12-3 over the final 3:39 of the half, including Mason's buzzer-beating three-pointer with one second left to lead 38-

22 over the visitors.

Green led Virginia Union at intermission with seven points including a three-pointer. However, the Panthers shot a dismal 20%, converting seven of 35 shot attempts in the first half. Turnovers plagued Virginia Union as well. They committed 15 in the half compared to Longwood's seven.

Duncan offered an explanation for the turnovers. "We changed the defense to make them react and think and they didn't respond well," Duncan claimed.

Longwood's Mason and Meldere each shared a half-high 12 points at the break with Meldere leading in rebounding with six boards. The Lancers managed a 42% field goal performance, including an impressive 45% from three-point range.

Similar to the opening half, Meldere converted a jumper in the opening minute after a VUU miss. Wilkerson connected on her third three of the game for a 43-24 score with 19:09 to increase the Lancers' lead to 19.

Green hit a jump shot off a pass from junior guard Shanell Roberts, but Longwood scored seven unanswered points to lead by 24 (50-26) with 15:20 remaining.

Two minutes later, Green converted her third triple of the game, but the Lancers' Freese responded, making her first three-pointer of the contest with 12:44 left in the period.

Longwood outscored Virginia

10-2 over the next 3:44 of the contest, with freshman guard Leigh Mascherin hitting Longwood's third shot from behind the arc in the half to extend the lead to 28.

Stellmacher responded with a jumper and a free-throw shot to chop the Lancer's edge to 25 (62-37) with 8:35 remaining, but they did not get closer.

With the game out of reach for Virginia Union, Longwood utilized the late minutes of the second half to allow their bench players to gain experience.

Mascherin, along with freshman guard Kieva Small added three more triples over the final 5:30 of the contest, giving Longwood six three-pointers in the second half.

Freshman forward Amanda Chilcoat entered the game and scored her 11th point of the season on a free-throw with less than two minutes to play.

"I got really nervous at first because I don't know when I'll go in. I go in for Marita or [Catherine Dunn] and it's my job to grab the rebound, play good defense, and pass it to the open player, and if I'm open, look to score," Chilcoat said.

Longwood held on to defeat Virginia Union 77-47, improving their record to 12-12 while dropping VUU's record to 11-11 on the season.

Meldere and Mason led the offensive onslaught for Longwood, scoring 22 and 19 points respectively. Meldere earned another double-double

with her 15 rebounds.

As the season progresses, Meldere continues to impress her coach with her performance. "She's really done a good job," Duncan stated. "She's an outstanding rebounder. She's done a good job to develop her scoring."

Currently, Meldere is averaging a double-double, leading the Lancers in scoring and in rebounding averaging 13 points and 12 rebounds per game. Also, Mascherin totaled a career-high 11 points with three three-pointers.

Virginia Union's Green led her squad in offense, amassing 18 points in the loss, while freshman forward Katchona Johnson snagged a team-high seven rebounds.

Compared to the Lancers, the Panthers shot 24% for the game to Longwood's 43% and committed 20 turnovers in the contest.

Duncan adds, "We shot 43% from the floor. That in itself should win you some games."

Longwood travels on the road to play against Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne, a team they defeated 67-57 at home on January 8.

"I think one of the things we talked about the other day is being used to the [home] floor and the baskets. When we go away, it's like a different environment," Chilcoat claimed.

Longwood hosts their next home game against Norfolk State on Monday, February 21 at 7:00 p.m.



Latvian born senior forward Marita Meldere has become one of the best women's basketball players in Longwood history and is the all-time leader in career rebounds.

Photo by Will Patus

Steve Reeves
Staff Writer

Literally on her own since the age of twelve, the love and dedication Latvian native Marita Meldere holds for the game has taken her away from her family, and allowed her a level of independence not known by many her age. "I consider it [her ability to remain focused while absent from her family] my greatest accomplishment."

Virtually born with a basketball in her hands, Meldere tells of times she was drawn to the game, even as a toddler. "I have pictures of me with a basketball in my hands when I

was two." She began organized play in the first grade and attributes a lot of who she is to her brother, who now plays professionally in Europe. "He is who I look up to," said Meldere.

Upon her arrival to Longwood, Meldere made her presence known by adapting to her new role as a post player. Before joining the Longwood women's basketball team, she rooted her skills in running the point guard position, a role opposite to that of a post player. Although she secures her presence in the post, Meldere remarked that she still gets that thrill when she is able to start a fast break for her team.

On the court Meldere is a force to be reckoned with, shattering Longwood records much like for-

mer NBA great Daryl Dawkins used to shatter backboards with his thunderous dunks. Currently ranked number two in the nation for rebounds and being the only woman in Longwood's history to score a thousand points and grab a thousand rebounds, Meldere reflects on her many years as a student to the game of basketball. Her favorite part of the game though is what she is trademarked for, rebounding. "I would rather get rebounds than score, anybody can score," she said. Leading Longwood's rebounding records, she doesn't plan on slowing down just yet. "I wanna get some more so nobody can beat me," Meldere said with a little smile.

Statistically speaking, Meldere is averaging just over twelve

points and twelve rebounds per game. Having two stats in double figures is a feat known to basketball fans as a double-double.

Majoring in finance, Meldere plans to hone the skills she gained in the classroom to pursue a career in real estate here in America. "People seem to be a lot nicer here, they say thank you a lot."

As her senior season comes to a close, Meldere is looking forward to closing the year out strong with her service to the team. And, after a two-year separation from her family, it looks as if she will be able to reunite with her mother, who will arrive and be given the opportunity to see her daughter play the game she grew up loving.

Meldere Continues Exciting Lancer Career

Weekly Trivia

Who is the Only
Division I
Women's
Basketball Player
Averaging More
Rebounds than
Marita Meldere?

Last Week's Question:

Who is the Only Division I
Men's Basketball Team With
Out a Win This Season?
Savannah State

If you would like to submit a trivia question
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"in high school you can do whatever you want and the refs will let you get away with it. Here, everybody out there's really good and you're not out there for fun, but you're out there because you chose to be out there and want to be out there."

Fortunately, the younger players can rely on the experience of Bikowski, who led the team in scoring last year with 36 goals. "Most of the time, they have a lot of questions and I try to answer them and I work out with them extra to just help them."

One change to look for this season is a change between the pipes. "We lost our three-time all-American goalkeeper Stacey Schmidt," Grubbs explained. Junior Emily Wilson replaces Schmidt as goalkeeper this season, starting at goalie for the first time in her career.

"I don't really think there is a lot of pressure because last year, we split the time," Wilson commented. "I was really pleased when I played last year. It might be a little different this year, because the competition is harder than last year."

In 11 appearances during the 2004 season, Wilson managed a 62% save percentage in over 300 minutes of play.

To achieve their undefeated dream, the Lancers face a balanced 16-game schedule with seven games at Lancer Field and

STUDENT-ATHLETE PROFILES

Romana Bucur
Women's Tennis
Sophomore (Second yr.)
Brasov, Romania

Why do you play tennis?

-At first, it was because my parents chose it for me. I had to choose between volleyball, basketball, and tennis. I choose tennis because it's a single sport. At the end of the match, I know the results are my work if I do well or fail.

Recall your best moment playing here.

-Everything has been great since I've been here. I've gotten better as a player, but also improved my teamwork skills.

What do you like most about Longwood?

-I like it because it's a small school and you can interact with a lot of people and develop as a student and an athlete.

What goals do you have?

-I have short-term goals. In tennis, I always try to improve from the last time I play. I try to do better in everything and not remain satisfied with anything that's happened in the past.

Who is your role model and why?

-I don't have one in particular. I try to take the best out of



everyone I come in contact with. Everyone contributed to the person I am now. They each brought something that makes me better.

What are your favorite hobbies?

-I love watching movies. I love music. I love playing other sports such as volleyball, basketball, and ping-pong. I love to travel.

What makes you unique?

-One interesting fact is I'm from Romania and I came here to go to college. It's been so much fun and it's helped my life experience.

What do you want to be remembered as?

-I'd like to be remembered as a good athlete and a good student who enjoyed everything, combining sports and school and making the best of both of them.

Chris Newman
Men's Tennis
Senior (Third yr.)
Chesapeake, VA

Why do you play tennis?

-My dad got me into it when I was little. Growing up, I played baseball as well. I was better at tennis, so I just stuck with that and it's worked out for me.

Recall your best moment playing here.

-It was a home match against Liberty. I beat their #1 player from Costa Rica in three sets. That's probably one of my best moments here at Longwood University.

What do you like most about Longwood?

-I'm in a fraternity. Not only does it provide a good place to learn, but the social life is pretty exciting.

What goals do you have?

-I'm going to take some time off after school to do some gambling. Hopefully, I'll enjoy myself on a couple of trips before I get a job. I want to get a job and apply what I've learned at Longwood.

Who is your role model and why?

-My dad, Jim Newman, he's successful at being a business owner and he works hard to get it. Hopefully, I can be as successful as he is.



What is your favorite hobby?

-Poker. I pretty much diversify myself and play a lot of games including Omaha, Stud, and Hold 'Em. I play golf a lot. I like to have a good time.

What makes you unique?

-I'm a well-rounded student. I'm on the tennis team. I'm in Pi Kappa Phi, and a finance major. So as anyone who's in a sport and going to school is well-rounded.

What do you want to be remembered as?

-I want to be remembered as a good all-around person. Someone who did well, had fun, on and off the court, and tried to set an example for the freshmen.

NHL Cancels '04-05 Season

Patrick Sullivan
Sports Editor

Yesterday marked the official end of NHL Hockey, at least for this season. At a press conference held Wednesday afternoon by Gary Bettman, the last shovel full of dirt was placed on top of the grave for the NHL 2004-05 season. Bettman put the final nail in the this season's coffin with the words, "It is my sad duty to announce that because a solution has not been attained, it is no longer practical to conduct even an abbreviated season. Accordingly, I have no choice but to announce the formal cancellation of play."

The lock-out began when owners felt that players salaries

were not in line with the money teams were making. Since hockey does share the same draw as its other professional sports brothers, owners felt that there needed to be a limit on the amount teams were paying their players. The most feasible way to limit player's payrolls was to create a salary cap, however players strongly opposed this proposed implication.

Since September the NHL Players Association and the NHL owners have been trying to hammer out some sort of agreement that would allow for a shortened season. In the closing months both sides had agreed to a salary cap but could not agree on the amount. The NHLPA suggested

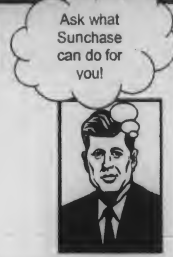
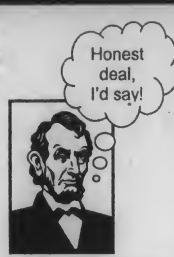
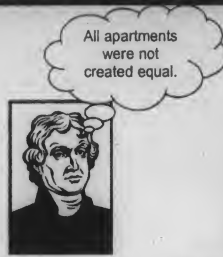
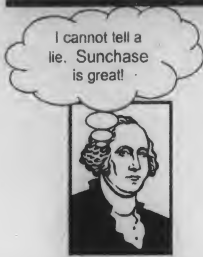
that the cap be \$49 million per team and the owners proposed \$42.5 million per team. In the end the difference of a few million dollars was one of the major causes to the cancellation of the season.

According to Bettman at his press conference, "The National Hockey League was formed in 1917, and it has played a season through to a championship in every year but 1919." This will be the first time that a major professional league has cancelled its entire season.

Bettman summed it up best with his closing remarks. "This is a sad, regrettable day that all of us wish could have been avoided."

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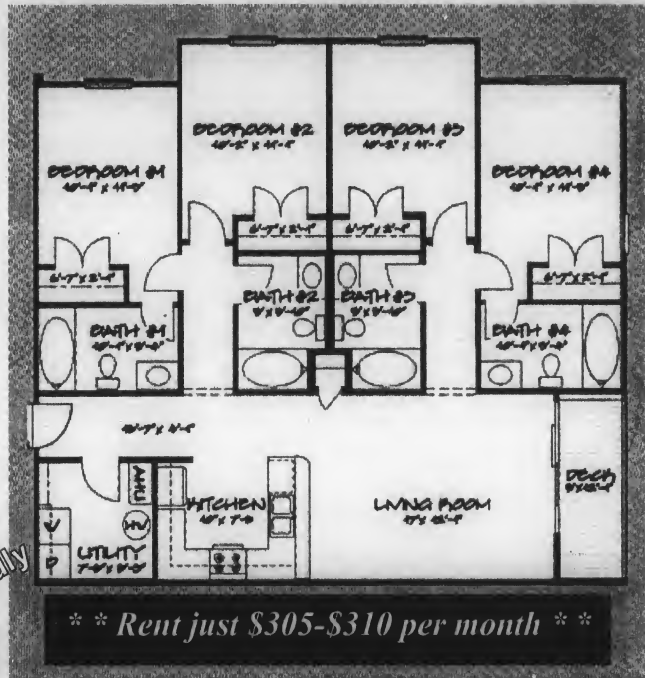
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Growing Pains: Rugby Searches For New Home

Kyle Martin
Staff Writer

As the construction date for the new outdoor athletic complex approaches later this semester, the men's and women's rugby clubs are pressed to find a new place to play and get money for necessary equipment.

"The powers that be decided that the athletic complex was going out there on Johnston Drive and that the teams need to find another place to play," Director of Campus Recreation Jeromy Runion said.

Vice President for Student Affairs Tim Pierson added, "It wasn't a decision that was made in consultation with the rugby teams. It was a bigger campus planning decision."

Runion described the move for the teams as a two-part process. "Well, the first thing we've got to find is a field that is big enough to meet the requirements for the guys and girls to compete in the Virginia Rugby Union [VRU].

Next, we have to find space the university owns."

Currently, the two clubs compete and practice on Johnston Drive, using the field directly across from Longwood Golf Course and the president's house to meet regulation size requirements, but the new outdoor stadium will require both clubs to relocate with limited options available.

"The only two [possibilities] I am aware of are First Avenue [field] and with some considerable work, over at Stanley Park [apartments]," Runion claimed. "Right now, it's looking like First Avenue because it would be considerably cheaper to move out there."

Junior Scott Zavrel, match secretary for the men's rugby club, echoes that sentiment, saying, "We don't have the money for our own fields."

"They have told me by mid-March we cannot play any games here. They have told us to play games away or talk to Hampden-

Sydney College to use their pitch," women's rugby club president Liah Williams said.

Depending on the start date for construction, it is possible for both teams to have a practice field, but not a competition field, according to Runion.

"Right now, we are looking at Iler Field as an option for practice only because it's not large enough for competition," he said. "So that means the clubs will have to reschedule all of their home games to road games, which will increase their cost greatly."

To meet regulation standards, the field must be at least 100 yards long, at least 65 yards wide, and have end zone length of nine yards.

Despite the decreased moving expense to relocate to the First Avenue field, the move does present the challenge of multiple users.

"The varsity athletic teams are out there," Runion explains, "We've got the men's lacrosse

club, the men's soccer club, and there are some groups from Farmville that use that field."

"As of September 1, I would expect athletics to vacate Barlow [Field] and First Avenue," director of athletics Rick Mazzuto said.

Runion also added, "My other concern is that the men's rugby team has 60 members and they average 200-300 spectators per game, and there's no parking at all."

Besides the logistical troubles, money remains a central issue in the move.

By working with the SGA, the two clubs look to obtain funds in order purchase removable goal posts for their field.

"It's a 100% necessity that we have them," Runion claimed.

"What we are trying to get is a reallocation of the money we have to get goal posts," men's rugby club president Patrick Gorham said.

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Special Olympics Held at Longwood

Ashley Dow
Staff Writer

Nearly 400 athletes converged at Longwood on Saturday to participate in the Special Olympics.

Traveling from surrounding counties in Southside Virginia, the athletes participated in a team basketball tournament.

Longwood is the site for the basketball events in the Special Olympics.

Each year the university sponsors the event for the Richmond District of the Special Olympics.

"It is important to have the Special Olympics at Longwood because it is the most convenient location for the athletes," said Theresa Naumann, president of the Therapeutic Recreation Organization. "We also have the facilities to accommodate a lot of athletes."

The Therapeutic Recreation

Organization organized Longwood's Special Olympics activities.

TRO is a service organization that seeks to promote the independence of individuals with disabilities.

The tournament was arranged by skill level.

Teams of similar abilities played against one another. The tournament consisted of approximately 25 teams.

Even if a team lost, they still

relax.

This served as a way for the participants to interact with one another.

Athletes also participated in skills tests that included free throws and dribbling.

Many campus organizations donated their time toward the Special Olympics.

This year Sigma Nu Fraternity, Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity, Delta Zeta Sorority, Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority, Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity, Lancer Alliance, the men and women's golf teams and the women's soccer team all volunteered their time and talents.

"I think it is important to give back to the community and to help others whenever possible," explained Mikaela Bizer, volunteer with the women's soccer team.

"The athletes have such a love for life. They should be encouraged in any way possible."



www.specialolympics.org

"The TRO executive board worked closely with Dr. Lynch to organize everything for the event including all the volunteers, athlete buddies and logistics," stated Naumann. "We also had meetings with the chairman of Richmond Special Olympics."

played more games.

All games were played in Lancer and Iler gyms.

Before the basketball tournament, athletes could visit the Olympic town in Lancer gym.

In the gym, participants could play games, watch movies and

Words From The Editor: Construction Issues Extend Off-Campus



This morning, for the first time since moving off-campus, I had a flashback of what it was like living in the dorms.

The apartment complex where I live is currently under-going some construction on the grounds, and I have to say, the noise and inconvenience of the

crews being there is not pleasant.

We can't park in certain spaces right near our building, and whether we went to bed at 1 a.m. or 4 a.m.; we are getting up at 9 a.m., because, well, that's when the construction begins.

I was very disgruntled about being woken up at 9:30 this morning since I don't have class until 2 p.m. and I had been up doing work until after 4 a.m.

Fortunately for me, they will only be here for a few days, and then they will be gone. I hope.

But this is not the case for those living on-campus with the constant presence of construction crews.

Wheeler is right next to the new science building, and there is no doubt that they get woken up at whatever time the construction crews begin their work.

Since I don't live on campus, I don't know what time it all normally begins, but I do know that when I get there at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the crews are already up and at it.

Now I know that 9:30 a.m. doesn't seem that early to some, but to a college student who scheduled

late classes so they are able to partake in extracurricular activities and do work at night, 9:30 a.m. feels like the crack of dawn.

Living in those stuffy dorms is hard enough, but to have to keep your windows closed at all times, hoping to block out the noise of the construction, and still not being able to drown out the noise can not be a pleasant way to live.

Even in the dead of winter, it is often necessary to open your windows in the dorms just to air the place out. So what choices are on-campus students near construction left with?

Stuffy rooms with muffled noises from the construction, or aired-out rooms with the piercing

sound of jackhammers pounding into their heads?

Either way, neither choice is preferable, and off-campus housing always seems like the best alternative, but apartment living doesn't always mean you are free of disturbances!

For those of you dealing with reoccurring construction issues, after dealing with them myself for only two days, I sincerely sympathize with you!

Bobbi L. Thibo

Bobbi Thibo
Editor-in-Chief

In last week's article on suspension of fraternity pledging activities, a photo was included showing fraternity paddles. We intended to portray Greek institutions that were not part of Longwood's community. However, due to incomplete research on our part, the photo obtained from the Internet portrayed all historically African-American fraternities, two of which, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated, have chapters on Longwood's campus. These organizations have not had their pledging activities suspended, and they are not part of the Inter-Fraternity Council, which is affected by these new sanctions. We apologize for any negative repercussions Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated, or any other NPHC organization has experienced as a result of this error.

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Black History Month Should be Year Round

U-Wire

Black History Month is almost over, but many Kent State University organizations said the celebration of achievements in the African-American community should continue well past Feb. 28.

The Department of Pan-African Studies was founded with that mission in mind.

The department, along with the Office of Campus Life and other student organizations, planned numerous events for the annual celebration.

Carter G. Woodson started Negro History Week in 1926 to "bring attention to contributions made by people of African descent," said Mwatabu Okantah, professor of Pan-African Studies.

"It wasn't his intention to isolate it into a week or month. I think it's misunderstood."

According to Biography.com, Woodson also established the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History and founded the *Journal of Negro History*.

He is often called the "Father of Black History."

"We should emphasize not Negro History, but the Negro in history."

What we need is not a history of selected races or nations, but the history of the world void of national bias, race hate, and religious prejudice," Woodson said in 1926, according to Infoplease.com.

The name was changed to Black History Week in the early 1970s.

In 1976, it was expanded to

include the entire month of February.

Pan-African Studies professor George Garrison said Woodson's intent closely mirrors that of the Pan-African Studies program.

"We believe the goal of all universities should, where relevant, have courses that contain history, culture and/or contributions of people of African descent and nonwhite people in this country," Garrison said.

Okantah said even in the Department of Pan-African Studies, there is much progress to be made.

The preparation for Black History Month takes anywhere from a year to a few months in advance, said Diedre Badejo, chair of the Department of Pan-African Studies.

"It depends on the theme and what we're trying to achieve," Badejo said.

When she lived in California, Badejo said, she appreciated the celebration of Cinco de Mayo.

"I enjoyed it for what it was -- a celebration of their history and culture," she said.

"We should celebrate the accomplishments of other cultures," Badejo said she would like to see speakers such as Dolores Aldridge, Shelia Walker or some of her colleagues from Africa at next year's celebration.

"We have some very gifted and accomplished African-American scholars throughout the nation," Garrison said.

"I would like to see the univer-

sity bring in these scholars to talk about their research, even if the research is controversial or at odds with the established orthodoxy of the academy."

He said he would like to see some speakers such as Cornel West, a professor at Princeton University, or author Yusef Ben-Jochanan.

Other organizations around the country are spreading the idea that black history should be a yearlong interest.

McDonald's started its "365 Black" program in 2002 to help promote black history.

"McDonald's is a company that celebrates and values diversity," said Vicky Free, marketing director of McDonald's, in a press release.

"This campaign emphasizes our recognition of and appreciation for the many contributions African-Americans have made to American history."

As a result, we hope that our salute serves as a catalyst for year-round celebration."

John Wiley Price, county commissioner of Dallas, refuses to do speaking engagements during Black History Month because "black people were visible during February, but the other 11 months of the year we became the invisible people."

?Black History Month can remind people that they need to focus on their culture every day, not just one month of the year," said Stephanie Fields, junior communication studies major.

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Hollywood Needs to Stop Forcing Agendas

U-Wire

Everyone knows Hollywood celebrities have money the rest of America would not mind sharing.

They buy million-dollar homes, cars worth hundreds of thousands of dollars and Versace clothes.

But one thing Hollywood liberals do not own, which they need to buy, is a pacifier.

This pacifier would stop them from whining and forcing their views on every other American.

I'm not the only one who is tired of being told by the Hollywood left that conservative ideals, and the Bush administration, are wrong.

Until God himself says either conservative or liberal beliefs are right, no one is wrong.

But listening to Michael Moore, Julia Roberts and Sean Penn, among many others, one might think otherwise. Take for example Moore's filmmaking.

Since “Fahrenheit 9/11” was released, there have been numerous reports of deceit in the movie. Moore based part of this movie off the 9/11 Commission's report, when the Commission itself is mostly Democrat.

I recall a trailer for “Fahrenheit 9/11” that implied that everything Americans had been told about 9/11 was wrong.

After the movie's release, several films, such as “Michael Moore Hates America,” “Celsius 41.11” and “Centigrade 9/11,” were made.

The Motion Picture Association of America had problems releasing these films because they disagreed with them. Only Celsius was released, and it was not shown at many theaters. So “Fahrenheit 9/11” was released throughout America, and Moore once again preached to

the masses about the many things he dislikes about America. And this is the guy who referred to the United Airlines flight 93 passengers as “chickens” for not killing the hijackers, even after they scared them into crashing the plane into a cornfield instead of the Capitol Building. What a classy “American.”

Then there's Julia Roberts who founded the phrase “Not My President.”

She is right. Bush is not her president. He is every American's president.

Then there's Sean Penn, who mumbled about the lack of weapons of mass destruction in his Oscar acceptance speech, as the rest of his liberal Hollywood cohorts in the attendance cheered.

I remember their liberal backlash kicked into gear in March of 2003 when Natalie Maines of the Dixie Chicks said she was embarrassed about Bush's decision to go to war.

When Toby Keith defended our president, Maines wore an “F.U.T.K.” shirt to the Country Music Awards - and denied “T.K.” meant Toby Keith.

Before the election, several musicians went on a tour that's purpose was to show discontent for our president.

say he is more American than our president.

Hollywood has run its liberal mouth too long, and conservatives are tired of it. While everyone has the right to free speech, it seems like some celebrities are trying to force their beliefs on every American, when they ought to know none of our views are necessarily right or wrong.

By the election, I was enraged about constantly being fed this propaganda.

If there is one good thing the Hollywood left accomplished this year, it is that they gave some conservatives one more reason to vote GOP.

Some leftists might argue that conservatives have no right to be upset, because these celebrities are exercising free speech.

That is correct. However, Hollywood liberals are taking advantage of the First Amendment.

There is a difference between presenting one's opinion and stating the other side is wrong, or even worse, making documentaries to feed one's opinion to millions of people.

Since celebrities like Moore pick apart countless things they dislike about our government and citizens, I don't understand why they still live here.

They are not changing our way of life, they are only enraging people who disagree with them.

Perhaps they are hypocrites and only stay here because no other country has the freedom and opportunity of America.

If they lived in another country, they certainly would not have their high-paying jobs.

Our government is not perfect, but they have kept our country wealthy, free and hopeful for over 200 years.

It is too bad people do not realize that.



One of the artists, Dave Matthews, has vehemently described his negative opinions of our government in outlets such as Rolling Stone Magazine.

He even had the audacity to

Props and Drops

The Rotunda would like to encourage anyone and everyone to submit props and drops to rotunda@longwood.edu

Props:

- + To student Spring Break packages.
- + To Greg Tsigaridas for sending The Rotunda love.
- + To dirty Rugby girls.
- + To Writer's Cup at Perini's.
- + To three o'clock smoke breaks.
- + To women with mohawks.

Drops:

- To everything being due this week.
- To cigarette butts all over Brock Commons.
- To the Café for selling the same mozzarella sticks that we get in the D-hall.
- To Longwood Cinema for bringing Because of Winn-Dixie instead of Constantine.

Speak Out

Which organizations on campus benefit Longwood the most?



Therapeutic Rec.
because they helped
organize the Special
Olympics, which I
think is a great cause!
-Kelsie Bradberry
Sophomore

Greek Life, because
many events around
Longwood are sponsored
by Greek organizations
and community service
throughout campus—we
also contribute a large
amount of funds to the
university by students
and alumni.

-Ryan McLean, Whitney
Hazard, Kristine Thomas,
Brittany McDonald
Freshmen



The RA program, because
as a candidate, you learn
to work with your peers on
a professional level. You
also get to interact with a
variety of students you
may not have encountered
before on a personal level.

- Amanda Isley
Senior

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A Brief Bush Budget Overview

Kyle Castillo
Staff Writer

President Bush's proposed budget for the 2006 fiscal year, and beyond, promises sweeping changes. In an effort to fulfill his promise of slashing the federal deficit in half by 2010, the new budget looks to eliminate 150 federally funded programs that President Bush says "just don't work."

The departments that will feel the brunt of the impact include the Department of Education, Housing and Urban Development, Agriculture, Labor and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

While the budget only looks to cut funding for the Department of Education by 1% from 2005, 48 of the 150 programs subject to elimination in the budget are in the Education Department.

Even Start, a \$225 million liter-

acy program will be replaced by a new \$200 million program. The cuts will also eliminate vocational education and will curtail funding for the Department of Education's drug education programs, reducing their funding from \$592.9 million in 2005 to \$203 million in 2006.

However, increases in funding for drug programs throughout the federal government will increase \$268.4 million, making the total federal drug budget in 2006 \$12.4 billion.

The budget will slash loans to states for water quality protection projects by a third, to \$730 million, as well as reducing funding for water systems infrastructure restoration, which includes sewer maintenance, by 83 percent, to \$69 million. Then Chesapeake Bay cleanup effort will see a cut of \$40 million.

Urban development will

receive a blow with an 11.5% overall drop in funding. Community development block grant programs, funded at \$4.7 billion in 2005 and which helped restore and maintain urban housing, will be replaced by a new \$3.7 billion dollar development program. Hope VI, an award winning program that helped renovate urban housing, will also be cut. The budget for the National Park Service will be reduced by 3 percent to \$2.25 billion.

Local policing efforts, however, are losing some programs that many departments relied on. The most noticeable loss comes with the roll back in funding for the COPS program, which was designed to help hire new officers, increase school safety and implement new policing strategies.

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SGA treasurer Andy Peterson admits a shortage of funds is hindering the process.

"The problem we're running into right now is we are low on funds, and the reallocation is not going to cover all the costs," Peterson said.

Runion says the clubs can expect an estimated cost of \$3,000 for the goal posts and, "As a result, the clubs won't be able to purchase practice equipment."

To date, the men's and women's rugby clubs have semester/yearly budgets of \$6,180 and \$1,893, respectively, with the men's club utilizing \$4,180 for equipment cost, while the women's club currently has no money allocated for equipment.

Junior Heather Dodge, match secretary for the women's rugby club, acknowledged cooperation between the two clubs to obtain the funding.

"...[W]e are splitting the funds with the guys, because we are not being supported by the

SGA to get the goal posts," Dodge said.

Zavrel adds, "They've already said they'd go half in and they've already started to fundraise."

According to women's rugby club treasurer, Holli Witt, the club participated in magazine sales and in the future, they might hold raffles for prizes such as movie tickets to increase the club cash flow.

Since he is unaware of a construction start date, Gorham jokingly commented, "I guess we'll leave when bulldozers are out here."

Williams, however, remained confident about her club gaining the money to continue playing this fall. "If we have to raise all of our funds, we will get it done," Williams stated.

Pierson concluded, "It's [about] accommodating these [interests] the best we can. It's how can we do that with the facilities we currently have and how to make the best use of the fields we have to accommodate the demands of the athletic and recreational programs we have on campus right now."

Longwood to Reinstitute Communication Disorders Program

Jacqueline Plain
Staff Writer

In December of 2004, the Longwood University Board of Visitors decided to reinstitute the Communication Disorders program. A Bachelor's and Master's program are scheduled to begin in the Fall of 2005. The Bachelor's program is a pre-professional program.

Speech and language pathologists are required to have their Master's to practice. In this program, students would spend the typical four years as an undergraduate plus an additional two years as a graduate student.

Dr. Power-deFur, the department chair of education states the original program at Longwood was cancelled for "various reasons."

In Virginia, there is a shortage of schools that offer Communication Disorders. The Communication Disorders program is expensive because of the amount of clinical experience students are required to have. Also, the equipment for speech and language pathologists is costly.

Longwood was given grants

to help finance this expensive, but worthwhile, program.

In the state, there are only five schools that offer Communication Disorders and Longwood makes the sixth.

There is tremendous demand in this field. Dr. Power-deFur said the field is expected to grow 27% from 2002 to 2012.

There is great interest in Longwood's budding Communication Disorders program. Students from as far away as Japan have enrolled in the program's online courses.

Kristi Anderson, a sophomore said, "I am really interested and think this a good oppor-

tunity."


The Longwood Chapter of the National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association has organized a silent auction fundraiser to show their support for the re-institution of the program.

With salaries for certified speech-language pathologists at \$52,600, the Communication Disorders program is expected to be popular with students interested in this field.

Students can learn more about this new program at www.longwood.edu/cchs/education/undergraduate/cdis/index.htm.

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Ashley Lounsbury	Patricia Townsend
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Membership in Beta Gamma Sigma is the highest academic honor bestowed upon graduate and undergraduate business and economics students at institutions where the business programs are accredited by AACSB International. To qualify for membership, seniors must be in the top ten percent of their class and juniors in the top seven percent of their class. The public is invited to the induction ceremony on March 3 at 5:30 p.m. in Hiner 207.

We also recognize the following current student members of Beta Gamma Sigma:

Rachael Amos	Daniel King
Morgan Atkins	Katie Moriarty
Patricia Davis	Kyle Paulette
Sharon Kania	Joshua Stanfield

For the Week of February 25 ~ March 3

Friday the 25th

Movie: <i>National Treasure</i> 7:30 p.m. ABC rooms	Longwood Author Series: John Hoppenthaler 8 p.m. Wygat Auditorium
Longwood Theater: <i>Stop Kiss</i> 8 p.m. Jarman Auditorium	Karoke! 9:30 p.m. Lancer Cafe

Saturday the 26th

Baseball: Saint Joseph's (2) 12 p.m. Lancer Stadium	Women's Basketball - Season Finale: Southern Virginia 4 p.m. Willet Gym
Longwood Theater: <i>Stop Kiss</i> 8 p.m. Jarman Auditorium	A Night at the Oscars! DJ Dance Party 9 p.m. Lankford Ballroom

Sunday the 27th

Baseball: Saint Joseph's (2) 1 p.m. Lancer Stadium	Women's Lacrosse: Bucknell 1 p.m. Lancer Field
Longwood Theater: <i>Stop Kiss</i> 3 p.m. Jarman Auditorium	

Tuesday the 1st

Baseball: VCU 2:00 p.m. Lancer Stadium	Women's Tennis: Radford 3:00 p.m. Longwood Tennis Courts
American Red Cross Blood Drive 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. ABC Rooms	

Wednesday the 2nd

Baseball: Virginia State 2:00 p.m. Lancer Stadium	Men's Tennis: Radford 2:00 p.m. Longwood Tennis Courts
American Red Cross Blood Drive 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. ABC Rooms	

Foot In Mouth

By: Ellie Woodruff

Upcoming Workshops & Presentations:
Career Corner

Workshops

Graduate and Professional School Admissions
Tuesday, February 22, 2005, 7 pm - Career Center
Finding an Internship and Landing a Job
Monday, February 28, 2005, 4 pm - Career Center

Recruiters Coming to Campus

Camp Hanover - Summer Camp Jobs
Tuesday, February 15, 2005, 10 am- 2 pm
Information Table Located In the Post Office Lobby

United States Marine Corps
Tuesday, February 15, 2005 and
Wednesday February 16, 2005, 10 am- 2pm
Information Table located in the D- Hall Lobby

The following companies are currently accepting resumes through LancerTRAK:

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College of Business Events ~ Dates and Times

RIP: Hunter S. Thompson, February 20th, 2005

Ellie Woodruff
Cartoonist

It was a punch in the gut you didn't expect. Not like some sucker punches that have been executed with the same assembly-line precision for decades into a timeless past by greasy faced thugs in darkened alleys.

It was a morning shocker, like waking up to find that Hells Angels bikers had slipped into your room and systematically broken your legs while you were out in some Nyquil-induced coma.

It was like that on Monday morning learning that Hunter S. Thompson had shot himself the night before.

We, those familiar with the creature that called himself Thompson, took that deflation in good stride until reality crept in past our wide rimmed, rose tinted sunglasses.

Thompson, an icon of a counter culture too many students today are too young to remember, is barely a name to the average co-ed.

Who? What?

He wrote *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*?

I thought that was Johnny Depp.

He was a journalist but he was more. And he is dead. Philosophical rumblings aside about why such a character took

his own life, it presented a problem. Funeral parlors can handle the body, but what do you make of what is left of the man?

What would CNN make of the recap of his life, boil it down to two simple words?

Not fair, not a good treatment of a rather warped subject, but in a day and age of digest and three paragraph stories, it would work.

Gonzo Journalism

What is a gonzo journalist?



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Simple answer.

Journalists who force themselves into the very story they are reporting on, impacting the events to unfold and irrevocably changing the pages of history just as they were writing them down.

Thompson pulled it off and did it with a panache that shocked and tantalized a nation of readers.

His drug-infused re-hashing of following American political

leaders on the campaign trail spray painted obscene and beautiful truths no one wanted to admit to.

He was an American journalist, much like an American tourist.

Crass, bold and so far removed in sentiment for his subjects that his journalistic feats were anthropological treatises.

His writings were extreme and philosophical at times.

Readers couldn't help but wonder how much of his writings consisted of truth and how much was fiction.

Between novels and collected articles, it's hard to say.

Does it matter?

Not especially. Where today's journalism requires the reader to think for themselves, lest they be spoon fed what the media wants them to think true, Thompson made the public recoil and read-just, just to get their head around the new perspective.

Crude and as inflammatory as he was, Thompson made the reader react, made the reader think. Sometimes that can't be done all in good taste.

Not only has America lost a forward-thinking and creative writer this week, but they have also lost a unique perspective.

What only makes that sadder is that so few people still knew to look for it.

"The person who does not scatter the morning dew will not live to comb grey hairs." - Hunter S. Thompson

Movies Every College Student Should See is intended by the writer to inform students of movie that they might either not be aware of or are not cognitive of their excellence. This section will attempt to review not only classic movies but also movies with cult followings.

Movies Every College Student Should See: *Boondock Saints*

Patrick Sullivan
Sports Editor

There are two types of people in this world, those who have not seen *Boondock Saints* and those who think that it's an awesome movie. Director Troy Duffy created this movie in 1999, and since then, its popularity has spread mainly through word of mouth.

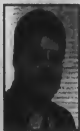
The MacManus brothers, Conner and Murphy, played by Sean Patrick Flanery and Norman Reedus, respectively, are two typical church-going Boston Irish immigrants. One day, the Russian Mafia's business began to hit too close to home, and the twins soon believe that they have become charged by God to clean up the sinners. When the local media catches wind of the mysterious deaths of local mob bosses, they dub it the work of 'Saints'. The brothers are soon joined on their quest to purge Boston of evil by their low level Italian mafia friend "Fanny Man" David Della Rocco, played by David Della Rocco (I'm not kidding).

However, the trail of dead bad guys does not go unnoticed by Willem Dafoe, tries

to track down the Saints by investigating their chaotic crime scenes. Tagging along is a trio of bungling Boston Police Detectives who Smecker seems to get particular pleasure from berating.

Boondock Saints delivers a great aspect of the movie in its ability to deliver both action and humor. Rocco's frustrated rants and over-all goofiness provided a steady stream of comic relief. Smecker's eccentric characteristics also becomes fodder for some very humorous situations.

Needless to say, the movie that has survived purely through word of mouth is worth seeing. The movies are a bit off at times, and some of the supporting actors' performances are a little rough, but watch for Greenley's (played by Bob Marley - not the musician, the comedian) reaction when he first enters the movie loft. However, *Boondock Saints* remains intact. The scenes where he berates the Saints' crimes are truly satirical and well-shot. It is also a great conversation starter as far as the support of vigilante justice.



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Catch the Spirit: Olenik Leads by Example



Educator and researcher,
Dr. Lisa Olenik.

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Ashley Dow
Longwood Public Relations

Longwood provided Dr. Lisa Olenik the chance to return to what she loves, teaching.

Previously Olenik had worked in administration at other universities, but she missed having daily interaction with students.

For the past year and a half

she has served as the Chair of the Health, Recreation and Kinesiology department.

"I wanted to be closer to students. Longwood provided that for me," explained Olenik. "I also wanted to return to working in my academic discipline."

Olenik has devoted her entire life to studying adaptive physical abilities.

She developed these interests as an undergrad student working with children who had disabilities and as a graduate student serving as an adaptive physical abilities educator.

While a doctoral candidate at the University of Alberta in Canada, Olenik participated in an international program in Berlin, Germany where she developed ways to assist countries in developing programs for people with physical disabilities.

"I believe everyone, regard-

less of physical ability, should have access to physically activity and sport," said Olenik. "While in Berlin, I worked with students from all around the world to realize that belief."

In December, Olenik returned to Berlin where she delivered the keynote address for the United States at the Sport, Women and Leadership Conference.

At the conference, issues pertaining to women with and without disabilities were discussed in depth among discipline experts from around the world.

Olenik plans to focus on women and sports in her research concerning adaptive physical abilities.

"I want to stay focused on women, sports and disabilities because it is an area that needs the most research," stated Olenik. "I have access to the information needed to study

the area and I have a disability. I have a personal interest in the topic."

Olenik has Multiple Sclerosis and says that she has been able to respond well to her disability based on the resources she has at her disposal as an educator and researcher.

Olenik's research has led her to become involved with the International Paralympic Committee and National Multiple Sclerosis Society. She has also provided her students with opportunities to become involved in the MS society.

To give her students a practical hands-on approach to adaptive physical activity, Olenik created the "Give Me Strength" program.

The program focuses on physical activity and nutritional education.

Longwood students hold classes in community centers and churches in the Blue Ridge

area.

The program is in conjunction with the Blue Ridge chapter of the MS society.

"The Give Me Strength program fits into the mission of the university very well," explained Olenik. "The program gives students an opportunity to get real world experience and provide a service to the community."

Olenik believes that Longwood provides students with a unique opportunity to explore their interests.

She says that a liberal arts education is a great way to become exposed to many different disciplines so students can discover their interests.

"I am truly a product of a liberal arts education," said Olenik. "I changed majors four times before I discovered my true interests. I encourage students to keep searching until they find something they get excited about."

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A Few Housing Options for Off-Campus Living

Elena Lucier
Staff Writer

So, you've been admitted to live off campus, now what?

Looking for a place to live around town is a complicated, time-consuming process. Here is some information that may make your apartment searching a little easier.

Longwood Village is located off of Route 15 about three miles from campus. All of the apartments have three bedrooms and three bathrooms. Each has a living room, kitchen area, and laundry room equipped with a washer and dryer.

You can choose from a 10 or 12 month lease and a furnished or unfurnished apartment. Ten-month lease prices are \$430 per month unfurnished or \$470 per month furnished. Twelve-month lease prices are \$385 per month unfurnished or \$410 per month furnished.

All utilities except the phone line are included. A bulk payment is offered in which you can make two payments per year with a 5% discount.

Longwood Village has a clubhouse open to all of its residents. The clubhouse includes a game room and lounge, two pool tables, an air hockey table, a jukebox, two TVs with Xbox and Playstation2, fitness center, movie theatre, vending machine area, and tanning bed.

A pool and hot tub are located behind the clubhouse.

When asked what sets Longwood Village apart from

other apartment complexes in Farmville, manager Shannon Toombs replied, "Our great amenities and our all-inclusive rent. It helps roommates settle monetary disputes."

Poplar Forest is another apartment complex located about four miles from campus. It offers one-bedroom one-bathroom, two-bedroom two-bathroom, and three-bedroom two-bathroom apartments.

Leases are for 12 months. One-bedroom apartments are \$345 per month; two bedroom apartments are \$625 per month; three bedroom apartments are \$725 per month.

The clubhouse includes a 24-hour fitness room. Outside there is a pool, basketball court, volleyball house, and children's playground.

"We're just a few miles from town, but we're far enough away so that it's a country type of living" said Wanda Nash of Poplar Forest.

Sunchase is located just a few miles from campus on Third Street. Its apartments have four bedrooms and four bathrooms.

Each has a living room, kitchen area, and laundry room with washer and dryer.

Rent for each room is \$305 or \$310 per month depending on whether the bathroom is in the bedroom or not. There are cable, Internet, and phone hook-ups in each room. However, utilities are not included in the rent.

The clubhouse at Sunchase includes a lounge area with a big screen TV and kitchen. There is

also a gam room, fitness area, and movie theatre. Outside there is a pool, grilling area, and a basketball court.

Sunchase differs from other apartment complexes because it has "spacious floorplans and each person has her or her own bathroom" said Janet Royall, property manager.

Stanley Park, which is locally owned and operated, is located less than a mile from campus on Third Street. It offers two-bedroom two-bathroom apartments, four-bedroom two-bathroom apartments, and four-bedroom 2.5 bathroom townhouses.

You can choose between six-, 10-, or 12-month leases. For a 12-month lease, the two-bedroom apartment is \$325 per month; the four-bedroom apartment is \$300 per month; the four-bedroom town house is \$300 per month. Electricity and phone are not included in the rent.

The clubhouse at Stanley Park has a gym, pool table, big screen TV, fireplace, leather couches, four study rooms, a 24-hour concession area, and an office with a computer, printer, copier, and fax machine.

"Stanley Park is different from other apartment complexes in town because of our location. Our residents can walk or ride their bikes to campus" said apartment manager, Laura Bishop.

Feel free to visit any of these apartment complexes for a tour of the apartments. Phone numbers and directions can be found on the Longwood website.



At-a-Glance Apartment Information & Rates

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12-month lease/furnished= \$410 per month & bedroom

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(hallway bathroom)

\$310 per month & bedroom

(bathroom in bedroom)

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Women's Basketball Earns Fourth Straight Against Norfolk State

Kyle Martin
Staff Writer

After a nail-biting 69-66 victory over Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne last Thursday, the women's basketball team looked to extend its three-game win streak against the Spartans of Norfolk State.

"I think [the team has] really begun to see what it takes to win on the road at this level because things are not going to go your way. It's very physical, and I think they've learned how to deal with it," head women's basketball coach Shirley Duncan said. On Monday, the Lancers had to figure out how to deal with the rematch to an in-state opponent.

In the opening minute, the Spartans jumped to an early 2-0 lead when a steal from Senior guard Shenae Johnson set up a jumper for Junior guard Toia Johnson. Longwood answered back on a bucket from senior forward/center Marita Meldere to start a Lancer scoring run.

In a 3:39 stretch, Longwood scored 11 unanswered points, including five from Junior forward Ashley Mason, to hold an 11-2 advantage with 15:34 on the clock. After a pair of free throws from each team, Sophomore guard Abigail Freese extended the Lancer lead to 10 with 14:16 remaining by nailing her first three-pointer of the contest.

However, the Spartans battled back, cutting the Lancer edge to six points after Norfolk State's Shalynn Leonard converted a jump shot on a turnover from Senior forward/center Catherine Dunn.

Longwood continued to press hard and did not allow Norfolk State to remain closer than 10 points in the first half by engineering a scoring drive with 11:38 left in the period. Meldere started the Lancers' offensive attack with a lay up beneath the basket with a pass from Freshman guard Keiva Small.

Over the next 4:15, Longwood outscored Norfolk State 12-2 to amass the advantage. Senior forward/center Catherine Dunn contributed eight points during the drive to give Longwood a 16-point, 28-12 lead with 7:23 remaining.

The Spartans tried to rally late in the period, utilizing a Leonard lay up and consecutive free-throw shots from Senior guard/forward Stefani Williams to chip the Lancer lead to 12 (28-16) with less than six minutes to play.

Dunn and Meldere settled the Spartan comeback, each connecting on consecutive jumpers to give Longwood a 19-point advantage over the visitors with 3:11 remaining.

Norfolk State's Yomika Corbitt connected on a jump shot with 15 seconds in the period, decreasing the Lancer lead to 16 (39-23) at halftime.

At the break, Dunn posted an impressive 12-point performance to lead all scorers with Meldere contributing nine points in the opening period. Mason snagged five rebounds in the half and also added seven points for Longwood.

Freshman guard Ashley Green led Norfolk State at halftime with five points while Leonard contributed four points and added a team-high four rebounds.

The Spartans, however, only managed a 28% (8-29) shooting performance, while Longwood shot 46% (15-33), including 50% (4-8) from three-point range.

Despite the 16-point advantage, Duncan noticed a difference between the two halves of play. "We came out and started out with a lot of energy and we put them on their heels," Duncan stated, "but in the second half, they came out with a lot of energy and put us on our heels."

Norfolk State started the second half strong as Freshman guard/forward Areya Walker drilled a jumper in the opening minute. Seconds later, Walker picked the ball away from Longwood's Wilkerson, setting

up a fast break lay up for junior forward Brenda McClary.

After having the lead reduced to 12 (39-27) with 19:26 to play, Mason converted a lay up in the cylinder to counter the Spartans, making it a 41-27 ballgame with 18:51 remaining.

However, Shenae Johnson and Leonard threatened Longwood's lead, scoring five of six points during a Spartan scoring drive to trail the Lancers 43-33 with 15:39 to go.

Mason pushed Longwood ahead by 16 (49-33) at the 13:37 mark, but Norfolk State rose to the occasion.

Duncan stated, "They are very athletic. We knew if we let them get athletic, we would be in trouble."

With 12:08 remaining in the ballgame, the Spartans' Williams hit her first triple, igniting the Norfolk State comeback.

Over the next 3:39 of the contest, Norfolk State outscored Longwood 18-3, taking advantage of turnovers by Small and Dunn for three-pointers. Williams chipped in five points, including a three, during the drive with Toia Johnson and Sophomore guard Ashley Bowman each contributing a three-pointer during the run.

The Spartans trailed the Lancers by one (52-51) with 8:29 to play, and tied the game with Williams' third triple of the half with 5:59 left in regulation.

However, Longwood's defensive intensity turned up the heat on Norfolk State. "We had to change the defense to contest the threes and our players did a good job of it tonight," Duncan said.

The Lancers limited the Spartans to two baskets after the tie and began to march away.

Ashley Mason converted consecutive free throws to put Longwood on top 58-54 with 4:45 to go and scored seven of the Lancers' final 12 points.

Norfolk State missed nine shots and committed three turnovers from that point, allowing Longwood to earn the 69-59 win.

In the victory, Longwood's Mason led all scorers with a double-double including a game-high 20 points and a game-high 14 rebounds. Dunn, Meldere, and Wilkerson each reached double-figure scoring, contributing 19, 11, and 10 points respectively. Dunn and Wilkerson also finished with nine turnovers apiece.

Williams' three three-pointers in the second half helped her score a team-high 13 points. Shenae Johnson also reached double-figure scoring with 10 points and Leonard led her squad in rebounding in with seven boards.

The win improves Longwood to 14-12 on the season and Norfolk State drops to 10-15 with the loss.

With two games remaining, the Lancers look to finish their first season with a Division I schedule with a winning record.

"I think for us in the first year of a full Division I schedule [to win] would be historic and represent the character of our team," Duncan claimed.

Mason adds, "Honestly, it's definitely an honor and a blessing to be able to have the chemistry we have on the floor and pull over .500."

The women's basketball team travels to Alabama for their final road game today at 7:00 p.m. and returns to Willet Hall on Saturday, February 26 at 4:00 p.m. for their season finale against Southern Virginia.

Women's Tennis Optimistic After Three Tough Losses

John Rosenstock
Staff Writer

The Longwood women's tennis team has been competitive so far in 2005. The team has played three matches already this season, and are looking forward to the rest of the year.

Opening up against ACC member Virginia Tech on February 5 was not an easy task, as the Lancers fell 7-0. However, the team gained some valuable experience playing such a talented squad. Sophomore Lexi Torrice and Freshmen Elena Triebkorn played their singles matches well and also competed in doubles, hanging with Hokie standouts Kate Harrington and Bethan James.

"When you open up with an ACC team you have to be tough right away, and you cannot let

up, so it helped all around," commented head coach Pat Breen on playing Virginia Tech.

The Lancers proved Breen right, bouncing back against a tough Old Dominion team, picking up two singles victories, courtesy of Triebkorn and sophomore Romana Bucur. The 1-2 punch for LU took down Larissa Santos and Barbara Costa of the Monarchs, however that was not quite enough, as ODU won the competition by a slim margin of 3-2. Their next opponent was a solid Winthrop squad, and Longwood dropped four of the five matches played. Bucur posted the lone singles win, defeating Ana Paula Novaes, the number one player for the Eagles.

"We're playing competitively against some very tough compe-

tition so far, and we're optimistic about the rest of the spring," said Breen.

Longwood women's tennis, like many teams at LU, is extremely young. Though that has its negative aspects in the immediate future, such as inexperience and lack of senior leadership, the years to come look very bright for the program.

"Going from Division I to Division II, it's nice to be young," commented Breen on the young squad. "We're building a program and do have one Junior [Jessica Farr] who provides strong leadership to the Freshmen and Sophomores," added Breen.

Although the remainder of the spring schedule is heavily

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Weekly Trivia

Which returning pitcher for the Lancers started the most games last season?

Last Week's Question
Who was the only D-I Women's Basketball player averaging more rebounds than Marita Meldere?
Sancho Lyttle, Houston

Preview Of Ladies' Spring Golf Season

John Rosenstock
Staff Writer

The Longwood women's golf team will begin their Spring 2005 campaign on the other side of the continent. California State University at San Marcos will be hosting the Cougar Invitational Feb. 28 - Mar 1.

Entering his second year as head coach, Lane Pace and his five players are in position to shatter the record for lowest team average in Longwood women's golf history. Additionally, Junior Stephanie Hicks and Senior Tiffany Woodyer have a chance to break the Lancer record for the lowest individual average in a year.

In the fall season the team placed in the top-10 in all five events, including three top-three finishes and a victory at the Elon Intercollegiate in Sunset Beach, NC, finishing 15 shots ahead of runner-up North Carolina State.

"It was especially nice to beat that many Division I teams," commented Pace.

Lancer women's golf is the smallest team at Longwood, but far from the least competitive. The squad includes three Seniors, one Junior, and one Freshman. Seniors Amanda Diamond and Tucker McCarthy are playing their last semester of college golf, while Woodyer will graduate next fall and plans to compete for the first half of the 2005-2006 season.

"It's going to be fun and sad at the same time," commented Pace on his Seniors wrapping-up their careers at Longwood.

Hicks completed the fall season with the lowest stroke per round on the squad with a scoring average of 76.00. Woodyer

STUDENT-ATHLETE PROFILES

Michael Joyce

Men's Golf (Junior, 3rd yr.)
Peterborough, Ontario Canada

Why do you play golf?

-I like the individual aspect of golf even though it's a team sport here. The whole responsibility is placed on you. I control the whole round.

What do you like most about Longwood?

-The thing I like most is my teammates. I enjoy playing with them and being with them.

Who is your favorite role and why?

-My role model is PGA golfer Mike Weir because he's a hockey player and a golfer.

What is your favorite hobby?

-I like wakeboarding, snowboarding, and hockey. I like



the adrenaline rush of wakeboarding and snowboarding.

What makes you unique?

-I resemble Napoleon Dynamite. What do you want to be remembered as?

-I want to be the first player to make it to the NCAA Division I tournament.

Stephanie Hick

Women's Golf (Junior, 3rd yr.)
Bumpass, VA

Why do you play golf?

-My parents and grandparents play it. My freshman year in high school, I made the team and just kept going.

What is your best moment playing here?

-Winning regionals my freshman year.

What do you like most about Longwood?

-The size of the classes and the friendly atmosphere.

What goals do you have?

-To be happy. To break the single-season scoring record average and have a successful career.

What is your favorite hobby?

-Jetskiing. Poker. Hanging out with friends and family. I love the



lake.

What makes you unique?

-I was class clown in high school. I still pull a lot of jokes with my close friends.

What do you want to be remembered as?

-I was a team player and a team captain.

was a close second with an average of 76.22. McCarthy competed in all five events for the Lancers and finished with a respectable average of 82.45.

"I especially like our chance at CSU, Butler, and Winthrop," commented Pace, "I think we are one of the teams to beat in those three tournaments."

Look for the Lancers to carry on the tradition of first-rate women's golf at Longwood.

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dominated by away matches, the Lancers expect to bring home some victories. Their next two competitions will be in the Tidewater area, first against Hampton followed by Norfolk State on February 26 and 27. Another highlight of the season will be competing in the Hampton Roads Elite 8 Collegiate Invitational in Virginia Beach, March 24-26.

The team's schedule boasts five home matches, including Division I opponents Radford, James Madison, and George Mason. Division II members Shaw and Stony Brook will travel to Farmville to face the Lancers.

With no players graduating, the young squad is only going to get better in the years to come, and will hopefully have a smooth transition into the Division I level.

Former Asst. Atkinson Becomes Soccer Coach

Kyle Martin
Staff Writer

After finishing the 2004 campaign with a dismal 1-16 record, Jon Atkinson was promoted on February 10 to replace former head men's soccer coach Dave Barreuta who was fired after the season.

Atkinson, who has been the soccer team's assistant coach for the previous two seasons, immediately recognizes differences between his former position and his new post.

"Everything's hands-on now," Atkinson said. "My decision is final. Before, I would suggest situations and practice schedules. Ultimately, it is the head coach's decision to shape the program."

Atkinson will rely on his previous experience as player in England and his assistant duties at West Virginia Wesleyan in aiding the team.

"I can relay the knowledge I have unto the players in order to make them realize their goals and ambitions," Atkinson said.

Players on the team already recognize a drastic difference between their current and former coaches. Junior defense/midfielder Leon Malca stated, "Dave had more of an American style and Jon has more of a European style for the game."

Atkinson declared, "The European style is about moving

the ball quickly, finding the open man with the penetrating pass, and a lot of running off the ball to create openings."

Part of adjusting the team to the his new system includes working on the basics of soccer, according to Atkinson. "I try to keep the game as simple as possible. It's all about fundamentals. If you don't have basic fundamentals, it's hard to build a fluent attacking style."

Freshman defense/midfielder Prentice Boone notices another difference besides the style of play Atkinson employs. "Coach Barreuta liked discipline and liked to discipline on the field, whereas Coach Atkinson has us police ourselves instead of him doing it," Prentice said.

Although they were a one-win team last season, Atkinson realizes time is crucial with newly recruited players. "You've got to remember when you recruit a guy and you bring him in August 17 and your first game was September 1, you've only got two and a half weeks to build the squad," Atkinson mentioned.

Last year's team consisted of 18 freshmen and one starting senior, but Malca seems optimistic about the current recruiting effort.

"First of all, his recruiting, it's amazing," Malca stated. "He's trying to get the right players in the

right positions and so far it's been very good. Every single player he's been looking at is going to be a major addition to the squad."

Besides the recruitment of new talent, Atkinson must adapt his players for the team's inaugural season in the Atlantic Soccer Conference (ASC).

"We've put a schedule together that's as tough an out-of-conference schedule as possible," Atkinson said. "We are playing ranked UVA, UNC, Duke, and NC State so that when we go into conference play, there should be no surprises and we should be prepared for the conference teams."

A final objective Atkinson faces is looking for a new assistant coach. "We will be getting another assistant in play by the end of spring season. We will probably post the position in the coming months and reviewing candidates," Atkinson stated.

With off season work underway this spring, Atkinson has established goals for his first head coaching season this fall.

"Realistically, we want to be top-three in the conference," Atkinson mentioned. "I want to be competitive in all our contests on the schedule and give the fans and the community of Farmville a team they can be proud of."

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Fraternities-Administration Mending Fences

Kyle Castillo & Stacey Klutz
Staff Writers

While still an open investigation, progress has been made in determining the fate of the six IFC fraternities whose new member initiation process was suspended on Feb. 13. As of March 2, four of the six fraternities have had their new member privileges reinstated. The status of the remaining two fraternities, Alpha Sigma Phi and Tau Kappa Epsilon, is to be determined after their upcoming panel reviews.

Nothing is assured, but Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Dr. Laura Bayless is confident that Alpha Sigma Phi will be able to initiate new members soon, stating, "I fully expect Alpha Sigma Phi to be reinstated," Bayless said.

Tau Kappa Epsilon, the only other fraternity waiting for reinstatement, was the subject of

rumors stating that they planned on voluntarily removing their charter so that they could move off campus. However, Wednesday afternoon Tau Kappa Epsilon submitted the necessary paperwork for their panel review, debunking any notion of relocation.

The process used by the administration to configure their final rulings of each fraternity was driven by police assistance in both research and interviews.

Chief of Police Charles Lowe described the Departments approach to the investigation as a "cautious route to ensure that people see we are being objective." Once the final report is approved "we will turn it over to Student Affairs, and they will determine if there are any policy violations."

While determination of any fraternity deviation from school policy rests in the administrations hands, Lowe states, "We do have

to determine if the elements of a crime are there, but we haven't found anything of that nature."

There is a criminal statute for hazing in Virginia, albeit a much more conservative one than Longwood's broad definition of hazing which some believe borders on John Kerry-level liberalism in its number of listed infractions.

Section 18.2-56 of Virginia law states: "It shall be unlawful to haze so as to cause bodily injury, to any student at any school, college or university."

Bayless believes that, "most fraternities have shared some of their new member initiation processes with us and have been fairly honest about what they need to change and what they want to replace it with."

On the advice of National advisors, Sigma Phi Epsilon President, Jake Krekorian, made a concerted effort to accommodate the administration's investi-

gation of their pledge process and in evaluating problematic areas within their organization. "We found problems in our chapter and we've done, to the best of our abilities, what we can to fix them."

Bayless claims that the "suspension of the new member process is about the present and future more so than the past." With Sigma Phi Epsilon already on probation until 2007, Krekorian believes the ordeal has given his chapter a chance to show the administration that "...we are changing and evolving, it is for the good."

In what Olivia Acosta, Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life since 2001 proclaimed to be, "...by far the most challenging situation I've been in," the past couple weeks have provided a much-needed buffer period, allowing tensions on both sides to cool.

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"The Longwood Show:" Satire Comes to Campus

Dan Steele
Staff Writer

Auditions will be held on March 7, 8, and 9 for "The Longwood Show," a web-video broadcast based upon the style of Comedy Central's "The Daily Show," scheduled to begin running next year.

According to Director of Web Communications, Dave Hooper, "The Longwood Show" project will be a campus-oriented news and entertainment program.

This will be designed to offer students hand-on experience in broadcasting, script writing and film production.

It will also give prospective students a glimpse of what life on-campus is like at Longwood University.

A full season of the show will be one semester long, with three episodes run per semester. Participation in "The Longwood Show" will be offered as an internship with the

Communication Studies Department.

There will be a single host or anchor and four field reporters, all providing some commentary on the programs stories. There will also be two script writers responsible for handling the hosts' commentary and two technical directors who will manage shoots and be responsible for some editing. Including the four camera operators, all 13 positions will be entirely filled by students.

"The entire project is still in its planning, or pre-production, stages but there is great hope that 'The Longwood Show' will be successful enough to be added to the campus television stations," says Hooper.

Events covered by each episode will be chosen by the Longwood Show Committee and will be fairly specific.

However, there is the possi-

bility that coverage will eventually become more generalized and open to student suggestions, as well as the possibility of allowing high-profile guests such as faculty and outstanding students.

"The Longwood Show" is not

between what we're trying to do with this and what people have seen on TV," said Hooper.

"There's going to be no video, no planned dramatizing of situations." Every two weeks, the students will submit a journal and photos to be posted on the Longwood website and students will follow along as the semester-long season progresses.

Auditions for "The Longwood Show" will be open not only to those majoring in Communication Studies, but also to Creative Writing, English, Art and Photography and Theatre students.

As of Friday, Feb. 25, only 18 to 20 people had signed up for auditions. Those interested can sign up at www.longwood.edu/news/events/thelongwoodshow/ by Sunday, March 6th.



Photo idea by Dave Hooper

Words From The Editor: Is Cormier Selling Our Souls To ESPN?



Longwood's move to Division I.

During our discussion, we were exploring the move and the current standings of our athletic teams.

After a negative rehash of our current standings, one student mentioned that he had some information he had come across.

Supposedly, President Cormier had been quoted as stating that when she watched ESPN she wanted to see Longwood at the bottom ticker.

This statement sparked a comment from a fellow classmate that, "Dr. Cormier is selling our souls to ESPN to make us look like idiots." That statement got

The other day I was sitting in class, and we were discussing the always-hot topic of

me thinking. Do most students feel that the move to Division I was purely cosmetic?

Is it the general consensus that we look like idiots when our sports teams go to play Division I schools?

With the argument looming after my last class of the week, I turned it over in my head numerous times over the weekend, and the only conclusion that I can reach is that there is no concrete answer.

Either way you look at it, certain groups are gaining while others are losing.

Division I can be a great transition for many athletic teams on Longwood's campus. Stronger competition and travel opportunities are just a few of the perks to being a Division I institution.

The exposure that these athletes receive due to the Division I upgrade is undeniably excellent.

Of course there is the positive aspect for the Admissions Office. Titles such as Division I are big attention-getters to high school seniors.

And then there is the recruitment advantages to being a Division I institution.

But what about the rest of us who are also paying for this expensive transition? Where do we fit into this whole scheme?

The rugby teams who are losing their playing field or the non-athletic students who feel they are

paying to gain nothing?

Is it these students who believe that our souls are being sold, or is it a mixture of all the students?

Is the move to Division I an attempt to better the entire institution or are we really being sold out for superficial reasons?

I have to admit, although this topic didn't have a lot to do with our English discussion that day, it was probably one of the most thought-provoking

statements I had heard all week. To be honest, I had never given the Division I move much thought at all, but now I have to wonder, could it be true? Is Cormier selling our souls to ESPN?

Bobbi L. Thibo

Bobbi Thibo
Editor-in-Chief

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

American Sign Language (ASL) has gained widespread popularity among college students in the last decade.

In fact, the Modern Language Association reports that ASL is the fastest growing language among university students.

The number of people learning ASL now stands at 60,781, up an eye-popping 432 percent since 1998.

Alanna Eddy, a Longwood student who recently completed a project on ASL for ENGL 400, informed me last semester that ASL is now accepted as a foreign language at 147 colleges and universities throughout the country, including Stanford and Yale.

With such an outpouring of support for ASL, some students have asked why Longwood does not accept ASL as a foreign language to satisfy Goal 10 of the general education requirements.

There are at least two reasons why ASL, a perfectly legitimate language worthy of sustained study, does not satisfy Longwood's foreign language requirements.

The first is that ASL, as its name implies, is not a foreign language.

While it is true that ASL is derived from French Sign Language, ASL nonetheless expresses American ideas and American culture; it does not require American students to contemplate foreign histories, politics, civilizations, or literatures.

ASL does, of course, ask its students to examine American deaf culture, a subculture that remains "foreign" to most hearing Americans.

But ASL does not, by itself, express ideas that are foreign to Americans, and it cannot be used to communicate with people who are not American.

Sign language, in other words, is not a universal language; students of ASL cannot automatically communicate with, say, deaf Colombians or deaf Austrians.

There is no foreign element to learning ASL.

This is important, because learning a foreign language necessarily requires a student to appreciate and respect non-American cultures.

ASL does not ask this of its students. If I'm signing to a deaf American, for instance, and I use the expression "9/11," my American friend will instantly know what I'm talking about.

I won't need to explain that "9/11" stands for September 11th, or that the expression "9/11" refers to so much more than any ordinary September 11th.

Because my friend and I are both American, I don't have to explain that in the United States dates are actually written backward.

A student of ASL doesn't need to know that, in the rest of the world, "9/11" doesn't mean September 11th, but November 9th.

Similarly, if, while speaking to a hearing friend from Senegal, I translate "9/11" as "neuf/onze," my friend may not have any idea what I'm talking about, or will understand what I mean only because she is in tune with my culture.

If our conversation is successful, it is only because she knows

something about me, not because I know something about her.

One reason why ASL does not satisfy Goal 10 is because the language a student of ASL learns is not a foreign language.

In an ASL class, the students may learn new ways to express American words and ideas, but they are not learning and expressing non-American ideas.

A second reason ASL is not accepted at Longwood as a foreign language is that students of ASL do not practice all the communicative skills that foreign language students do.

ASL is a language that is both spoken and heard.

But it is not written or read, because ASL speakers read and write American English.

Students of ASL do not read passages in ASL, or learn to write business letters and short essays, the way students of a modern foreign language do.

In my French classes, students learn not only vocabulary words and grammar, but also how to form a good thesis statement, how to structure an essay, how to analyze a film, and how to read a poem.

This does not happen in an ASL classroom because ASL speakers can communicate only in real time and only with people they can see.

ASL speakers do not use ASL to write a letter to the editor, to apply for a job on-line, to make hotel reservations, or to read an important cultural document, such as the Declaration of Independence.

Students of French, however, can write a letter to the editor in their new language.

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ARAMARK Lenient on Employee Policies

Trudy Berry
Guest Writer

What work ethic is Longwood, especially ARAMARK, teaching our young adult students?

This is not a guessing game: I'll tell you.

Have you ever heard that there are those willing to work and those willing to let them? That is what ARAMARK managers and supervisors are instilling in our young adult employees.

They imply the idea of, "don't do any work as long as there are others who will do it." I worked the morning shift in Java City last semester. Countless mornings I came in to find my station not

only unprepared, but also dirty - in violation of state health department regulations.

I began working the evening shift in Java City last week and finally confirmed why my, and others', stations were dirty in the morning.

There were young adult student employees standing around doing nothing, chatting amongst themselves, pretending to be busy with cleaning bucket and towel in hand as they stood at their friends' tables jawin' with them.

I watched as they walked on, and over, trash rather than pick it up and put it in the trash can. I watched one worker as he

talked on his cell phone, rather than fill the obviously empty napkin holders.

I heard two yell from across the room, "we'll take cards over here," rather than walk over to the other register and serve customers.

And they were shocked when I asked them to help us with a couple tasks!

I don't know if they've ever caught Dobie Gillis in reruns, but they are the perfect Maynard G. Krebs, "Work?!"

Another reason tasks are not accomplished by the evening shift: management wants doors locked and employees out by midnight.

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Pledge Process Suspension Found To Be Unjust

Brandon Terpolilli
Guest Writer

At the meeting on Tuesday, the Student Government Association felt compelled to defend the rights of the student body as a whole and to stand up in response to the Administration's suspension of the campus fraternities' pledge process.

Secretary Kristen Casalenuovo opened discussion by motioning that, "As the Administration's suspension of the fraternities' pledge process violates the students' right to Due Process, the student body shall not recognize it as valid."

The reasoning behind this was that the Student Handbook outlines the procedures for handling

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They can visit internet sites written in a language other than English. They study ideas written over 500 years ago, and discuss civilizations as widespread as Europe, West Africa, Tahiti and the Caribbean.

There is very little permanence to ASL conversations, whereas conversations in French, because they can be written down, stored

reported hazing incidents in the Hazing Policy, basically that if hazing is alleged, the students involved are charged, and if they are found responsible, it is then that they will be punished.

Dr. Richard Chassey and Dr. Tim Pierson were present to respond to this accusation.

Chassey stated that the pledge process could be a penalty at any time if paperwork outlining the new member pledge process had not been turned in by a fraternity.

It is true that this is a policy for fraternities set forth by the and read, can influence diverse generations and diverse populations. To be clear, ASL is a valuable language, and one worth studying.

But because it is an American language, and because it does not teach its students to become better readers and writers, it should not take the place of a Goal 10 language at Longwood.

-Dr. Wade Edwards

Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life, but it had never been enforced, nor has any specific kind of punishment ever been part of these policies prior to this situation.

Pierson stated that this punishment was implemented in the spirit of being an "educational" experience and that, therefore, the principle of due process was not involved.

Whatever language is chosen to describe the situation, it ultimately has punished all fraternities for the behavior of some and had a brutal effect on the reputation and the morale of the fraternities.

The "educational" label tiptoes around this fact. Using this "educational" logic, the administration would be able to eliminate all due process by simply renaming their punishments to "educations."

The fraternities wanted simple questions to simple answers and were willing to do what the administration wanted of them in order to reinstate the pledge process.

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Props and Drops

The Rotunda would like to encourage anyone and everyone to submit props and drops to rotunda@longwood.edu

Props:

- + To finally having the day off for snow.
- + To Sunchase giving out free hotdogs and drinks at baseball games.
- + To clean clothes.
- + To baseball for already having more wins than every other men's sport combined.

Drops:

- To salt all over the cars.
- To snow falling off of Grainger.
- To people who run around in the hall screaming that school was closed on Tuesday for sure (It wasn't.)

Speak Out

What significance does The Rotunda re-opening have for you?



I'm excited about the re-opening of The Rotunda because it's a Longwood landmark with tradition.

-Tiffany Graves
Senior

I think it signifies more pride in Longwood because it's our symbol.

-A.J. Kay
Sophomore



My sorority, Tri-Sigma was founded there, so the history is very important to me.

-Sarrah Preston
Freshman

The re-opening marks the culmination of several years' work at restoring the campus as a whole.

-Brent Dunn
Senior



All pictures by Will Petrus

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In regards to their "educational process," the administration failed to give clear and succinct directions for the reinstatement of the pledge process and lifting of the suspension of activities. Herein lies the problem.

The administration's decision to suspend the pledge process was poorly communicated at best and hasty and impulsive at worst.

Had the administration more carefully planned their behavior, they would have been able to answer these questions.

Hazing is an issue that deserves scrutinizing.

There are no doubts about that.

The administration's hazing initiative is a noble cause, but it needs to go through the proper channels by applying previously

written down punishments toward only those who have broken the rules.

Making hasty decisions and "educating" everyone is not the way to address the problem. It is difficult to make any significant changes with such a severe lack of planning.

Many SGA members felt that the situation could have been addressed in a better way, and that it should have been addressed by the administration a long time ago if it was such a serious problem.

While the administration is quick to point the finger at the fraternities, maybe it's time they took accountability for their own shortcomings and chose to invite more feedback from students before they punish groups of us in such a dramatic and hurtful fashion.

There were some positive outcomes of the SGA meeting Tuesday.

One was that the fraternities were finally allowed to express their feelings on the matter before representatives of the student body.

They fully support the hazing initiative, but they have serious doubts about the handling of it. The SGA was also able to investigate this particular situation in which the violation of student rights was called into question.

The Administration was finally confronted with concerns regarding their actions and Dr. Pierson and Dr. Chassey kindly answered questions posed by the SGA and

the fraternity members.

In the end, the original motion was passed; indicating that the SGA thinks that the pledge process suspension was unjust and that the Administration should consider their actions more thoroughly in the future with regards to such serious matters in which student rights are held delicately in the balance.

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However, some residual resentment lingers among many fraternity members.

Steve Frazier of Alpha Sigma Phi believes that the actions taken by the administration "changes the way the Greek sys-

tem looks at the school. It seems like they don't want to help us, just change us to how they want us to be; not the way we have been for 25 years."

Final resolution is soon to come and the current outlook on the fate of the fraternities is positive. Bayless believes that despite the drama the investigation has caused some positives to come from it.

Although the administration might have appeared to play the role of Medea, it appears her children might live after all, leaving what could have been a Greek tragedy with an ending happier than "My Big Fat Greek Wedding."

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They begin shut-down at 11:00 p.m. by putting up chairs and running the vacuum around customers.

As a customer, I hate that! What doesn't get done by midnight is left for the morning shift.

How do they justify that when they state they are open for business until midnight?

I have to shut down Java City at 11:45 p.m. in order to take down all my equipment, run them through the dishwasher, and set them back up.

And heaven forbid that no one should show up to work Java City: they close early, because what supervisor wants to run it and clean it?

Or, because they are understaffed, what supervisor has the time? I experienced the same situation as a Computer Lab Assistant.

The last shift did not clean the lab, leaving it for me to clean when I opened at 7:30 a.m. One student supervisor told me, "I don't get paid to clean the labs."

This may or may not have been the same student supervisor who was at home, off-campus, and in the shower, instead of on duty as required, when she got a call for help; she therefore called me to do her job for her.

In both cases, the "team" spirit is lacking.

ARAMARK touts they are a

team, that there is no day shift and night shift.

Well, the night half of the team is seriously laying down on the job.

I can't believe that I am so old that the work ethic has come to this.

If young adults and supervisors get paid not to work . . . make me a supervisor!

My supervisor told me in my evaluation that I had to learn to better communicate.

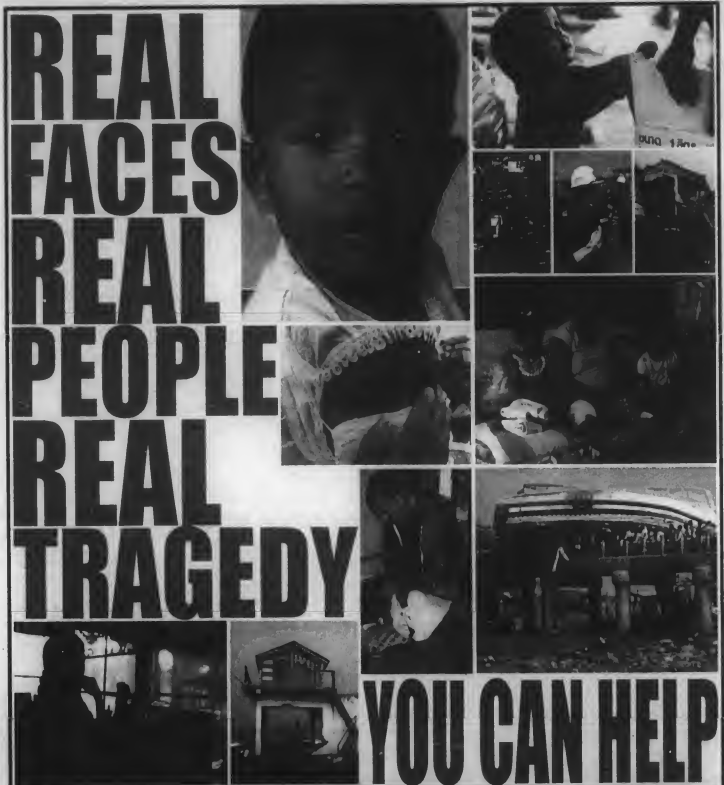
They leave a "comment book" at each station so we can inform previous and following employees what is lacking, yet when I comment what wasn't accomplished the night before, my comment book mysteriously disappears. I follow protocol, I repeatedly ask, tell, plead, and then finally threaten my supervisor to resign over what is wrong, and my needs still go ignored.

I am not alone. Other employees quit expressing their needs because they, too, were ignored by management.

Why are the slackers rewarded with a paycheck and those of us who work asked to do even more work?!

Morale is low, but we continue to serve the customer with a smile. So here I am again, forced to resort to *The Rotunda* to send my voice out there to others who suffer the same.

And I ask: how are we going to change this for the better?



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Construction Update: Ruffner Rededication Ceremony and Re-opening

Dan Steele
Staff Writer

The rededication of Ruffner will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2005. It has been nearly four years to the day since the building was consumed in flames on April 24, 2001.

The buildings are almost identical, except for a few alterations. "The biggest change is the addition of a basement," says Public Relations spokesman Kent Booty.

"The original Ruffner was only three stories, but the addition of the basement allows for more class-

rooms and office space."

To the delight of the student returning to Longwood in the Fall semester of 2005, the History, Political Science and Philosophy Department, along with the Sociology and Anthropology Department, as well as the Psychology Departments will have vacated Wynne and moved into the new Ruffner.

Math and Computer Science will also move, leaving vacant space in Hiner.

Along with the four academic departments, the

offices of the Vice-President of Academic Affairs and the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences will also find a future home in the 22 classrooms, 63 faculty offices and 28 administrative offices.

The reconstruction of Ruffner had an overall cost of \$17.9 million dollars and began in December 2002 by English Construction Company.

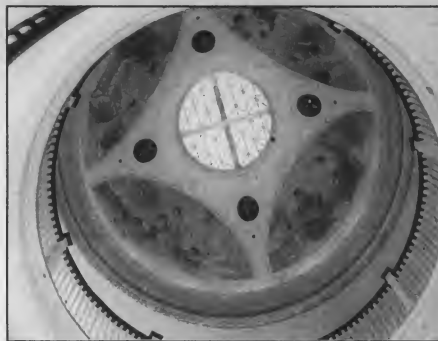


*From upper right, clockwise:
A view down from the third floor of Ruffner.*

A look at the paintings on the inside of the dome.

Be prepared to walk down the new front hallway of the Ruffner building upon completion.

All photos are courtesy of Kent Booty in the Public Relations



Long before there was a Charleys Check List, the Timpone Test Kitchen began. This very special man ate Banana nut, poppyseed, and chocolate chip pancakes (yuck!) with a smile and a wink saying keep up the good work. God only knows how many burnt cookies (that were probably raw in the middle) my Dad ate so I could become the baker I am today. Mom was a wonderful cook and teacher, but someone had to test the mess!

Wishing my best friend and Dad a very Happy 74th Birthday!

You Rock, Daddy Boy!!

I thank you, and so does everyone who has ever enjoyed Charleys' desserts! I love you, Dad!!



Further Independence for Virginia's Public Colleges

Kristen Taylor
Staff Writer

Twin bills introduced to the Virginia General Assembly on January 21, 2005, were proposed in effort to give Virginia's sixteen public colleges and universities further independence from the government.

These autonomy bills, now known as restructure bills, were recently passed.

The bill that began in the Senate was passed by the House on February 21, 2005; the House bill was passed in the Senate on February 22, 2005.

Under these bills pending Virginia Governor Mark Warner's approval, public colleges and universities will be granted some independence from the government.

Schools will be allowed to set their own tuition rates; other decisions, such as faculty and staff pay, retirement funds, construction, and bonds, would also be made by the schools.

However, there are provisions in the bills that require that tuition continue to be affordable and that the schools' remain accessible to students and prospective students.

Supporters of the restructure bills promise that they will cut down on red tape construction around campuses and project university expansion plans.

Of the three levels with which the bill classifies schools—level one, level two, and AA—Longwood University qualifies for level one, as all Virginia public colleges do.

Qualifications for level one

include but are not limited to: maintenance of high academic standards; affordable tuition; active participation in the state economy's advancement; a six-year plan for enrollment, finances, and academics; and a wide range of student programs with institutional mission.

Qualifying for the first level allows Longwood, among other things: exclusion from reporting purchases to the Secretary of Education; to sell unused property and keep its proceeds; pay classified employees in part with exclusive funds; a required forwarding of monies at the end of each fiscal year; and take part in operating leases.

Governor Warner has until March 30 to amend or sign the restructure bills—House Bill 2866 and Senate Bill 1327.

Calendar

For the Week of March 4 - 10

Friday the 4th Saturday the 5th Tuesday the 8th Wednesday the 9th Thursday the 10th

LP Movie: *Finding Neverland*
7:30 p.m.
ABC Rooms

Comedian: Vidur Kapur
10 p.m.
Lankford Ballroom

Founder's Day!

Mozart's Requiem
7:30 p.m.
Farmville United Methodist Church

Longwood Women's Rugby vs. Radford
11 a.m.
President's Field

Longwood Wind Symphony
7:30 p.m.
Jarman Auditorium

Women's History Month: *Fearsome Foursome*
8 p.m.
Lankford Ballroom

Simkins Lecture: *Black-White Intimacy in Prince Edward County Before the Civil War*
7:30 p.m.
Wygat Auditorium

LP: *Tres Vidas - Core Ensemble*
8 p.m.
Jarman Auditorium

Baseball vs. Old Dominion
2:30 p.m.
Lancer Stadium

S.A.F.E. Presents:
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A program about sexual assault performed by the men of UVA
March 7, 2005 at 7 p.m.
in the Ballroom

Tongue in Cheek

By: Ellie Woodruff



Mathematics & Computer Science Colloquium: Dr. Robert Harger
High Point University
Reception: 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. - Hiner 108
Presentation: 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Hiner 107

"The American Cancer Society Relay for Life represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day cancer will be eliminated." www.relayforlife.org

Two years, Relay for Life will take place here at Longwood University, April 3-4, 2005. Teams from both Longwood and Hampden-Sydney will walk and raise money to help fund the cure for cancer and to raise awareness of cancer prevention and treatment. 15 organizations have already signed up to participate in this event. If you would like to participate, please contact the Relay for Life coordinator at grace.mccormick@longwood.edu

Upcoming Workshops & Presentations : Career Corner

Workshops

3/3 - 3pm - Resume & Cover Letter Writing - Career Center
3/5 - 5pm - How to Ace Your Interview - Career Center

Recruiters Coming To Campus

3/3 - Dining Hall Lobby - 10 a.m.-1 p.m. - Virginia State Police
3/7 - Dining Hall Lobby - 11 a.m.-3 p.m. - Walt Disney World
3/7 - Hiner 212 - 5-7 p.m. - Information Session for Walt Disney World

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Hiner 102 &	2:30 pm	3:30 pm
Coyner 202	Hiner 203	Hiner 207

College of Business Events - Dates and Times

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Carpe Diem

I hadn't seen her since Freshman year. We both tried to avoid eye contact, but in the end, both efforts were thwarted by an awkward curiosity.

What had she done these past semesters? I heard she had dropped Spanish. Didn't really like the teacher. I'm glad I got French out of the way first semester.

We both murmured a simultaneous, "Hello, how are you?"

There was no response. We both kept walking - I continued toward the Post Office, as she went into the Dining Hall.

Maybe I'll run into her at another one of Jake's parties.

Chris Tobey

Book Review: A Passage to India

Janet Jones
A & E Entertainment

In 1924, E.M. Forster wrote the

novel *A Passage to India* to address social issues in 20th century Britain.

While this story was first published almost 85 years ago, it is now relevant because these problems have still not been absolved, in India or the rest of the world.

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This introduces the reader to the characters who are living in India, their motivations and beliefs.

Within the Indians, there are those who are Muslim, Hindu, and those who hate the British and those who try to accept the British.

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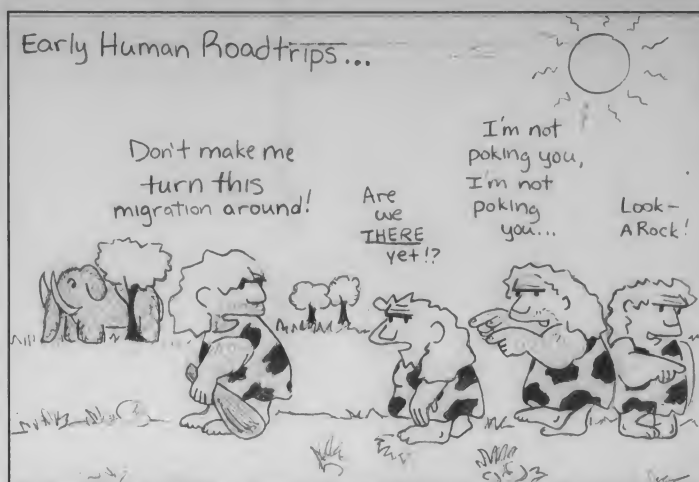
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acknowledge these traits within themselves, many of them encompass the thoughts and learned behavior of racism, superiority and judging others by their gender and class.

By the end of the first part of the novel, many attempts have been made to bridge the gap between the characters, with the use of religion and social gatherings.

The ending of the thesis leaves the reader feeling hopeful that the British and Indians can co-exist together peacefully.

When you turn the page, you will enter into the antithesis.

This opens with the planning of a trip to the Marabar caves.

The British visitors do not want to be fooled into seeing only the façade of the countryside; they want to explore the "real" India.

While in the caves two of the women undergo internal transfor-

Local Music Talent: Grassroots Singer Laura Wortman

Kristina Johnson
Staff Writer

Laura Wortman, a junior at Longwood University, sang locally at Wing Shak last Wednesday night.

Unfortunately, a series of events such as trivia night, the lack of a microphone and banter from the men's rugby team posed a problem for sound.

Wortman, who is barely five-feet tall, stood atop a chair with her guitar and sang sweet grassroots music against a background of sports paraphernalia.

Despite this rude background noise, Wortman's loyal fans quieted the crowd and gathered around their favorite singer, who continued.

After her first set, she contemplated stepping down from her chair, but her highly influential fans begged for more.

Her harmonious voice finally caused the crowd to surrender to her songs about freedom, love and south-bound trains.

The crowd begged for an encore and were awarded one last song: "Angel from Montgomery," originally performed by John Prine.

Kristen Casalenuovo, a junior at Longwood said, "She just had this

stillness on stage and her voice was so melodic. Definitely, star quality."

When asked what she thought about her performance, Wortman said, "The Wing Shak gig was amazing and terrible all in one. My biggest fans came to listen, but those I didn't personally know just continued on with their banter."

Wortman was disheartened by the lack of respect displayed by some last Wednesday, but personally, as a fan, she should not be discouraged by the desire for beer and drunken ignorance.

Janet Jones, another of Wortman's die-hard fans said, "I have been listening to Laura play since our freshman year; I even have a CD she recorded. But when I heard her singing tonight I still felt chills shoot throughout my body, just like the first time I heard her voice two years ago."

Wortman has played at various other places in the Farmville area such as the Lighthouse Cafe, Hampden Sydney, and she even made a late night, memorable, appearance at this past Oktoberfest.

Wortman's natural stage presence coupled with her flawless voice and guitar skills to produce a folk lover's serenade.

Book Review: *Monster*

Kristen Taylor
Guest Writer

Written by Walter Dean Myers in 1999, *Monster* is the story of sixteen-year-old Steven Harmon, a black male in prison and on trial for felony murder.

Three other men, although they had different roles in a drugstore hold-up that left its owner dead, were also charged with it.

The plot is revealed as a screenplay written by Steven, a filmmaker in high school. He goes through nights in jail, what he witnesses there, and the trial of himself and his three accomplices.

Myers' work allows the reader to distinguish the real Steven

from the felon through flashbacks; Steven's childhood is touched on, as are episodes of his life.

A question following the audience throughout is how someone who those events portrayed as the average young man in Harlem allegedly becomes involved with the others accused of participating in same crime.

I found myself hoping for Steven's innocence; he is someone who possesses the flashbacks and thoughts that I could see myself sitting next to in class. However, the prosecution's case against him was strong enough to prove that he was not as innocent as that—that he had become a monster.



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Photo taken by Elena Lucier

Elena Lucier
Staff Writer

This year's Dos Passos Literature Prize winner, Maureen Howard, had a surprising confession: "My undergraduate writing was pretty terrible. My poetry was especially bad."

Howard accepted her prize and read an excerpt from her latest novel last Wednesday night in Wygal auditorium.

Howard, who lives in New York City across the street from Central Park, is the author of seven novels including *Grace Abounding*, *Expensive Habits*, *A Lover's Almanac*, and *Natural History*. She

Dos Passos Prize Winner: Maureen Howard

has taught at a number of universities in the United States such as Columbia, Amherst, Yale, and Princeton.

When asked if she ever put herself in her books, Howard said, "Oh, yes. I am not afraid to put my voice or myself in my writing."

Howard often uses the allusion of fairytales in her work because "they release [the reader] from a psychological reality." She said, "I use them as a way to free [the reader] from the expected."

The author's work is heavily influenced by her family. "My mother was very bookish. I often use art in my work, and that comes from my daughter, who is an art dealer, and my son-in-law, who is an artist," said Howard.

Howard read from her novel *The Silver Screen*, the third book of four about the seasons of the year. The first two in the series are *A Lover's Almanac* and *Big as Life*.

In the selection, the main character Isabelle-Maher is—"picked out of a pack of girls" to become a silent movie actress, however it is the end of the silent movie era.

Maher later becomes Isabelle Murphy, a mother to three children. One of her children, Joe, is a Jesuit priest who has lost touch with people because of his education. While he should be praying, he thinks back to the educational excursions on which his mother took him and his siblings. Isabelle's trips were inspired by Melville's *Moby Dick*, which she loved.

Perhaps the greatest line from *The Silver Screen* that Howard read is "There are never enough stories." She reminds us that we should always be inspired to read, write, and experience art.

For more information on Maureen Howard go to www.penguinputnam.com.

The History of the John Dos Passos Prize

Leslie Smith
Asst. Editor-in-Chief

The first John Dos Passos Prize for Literature was awarded to Graham Greene in 1980. For every year afterward, a new author is honored in John Dos Passos' name.

Three reasons are given in the short essay, "The John Dos Passos Prize for Literature: 'he is one of the most American of writers, as we see in works of fiction, such as *Manhattan Transfer* (1925), and his U.S.A. trilogy (1938); he had a connection with Virginia both through spending his later years in the Northern Neck and through his interest in the political philosophy of Thomas Jefferson; and he has not, though many greatly admire his work, received the recognition he deserves."

The award itself consists of a cash honorarium and a medal, designed by Pamela Woods, who had studied at the Longwood Art Department.

The Prize is administered by a committee from the English and Modern Languages Department.

The chair of the committee also serves as the chair of the Prize jury.

Dr. Martha E. Cook, Dr. Craig C. Challender, and Dr. Michael Lund have all served as the chair at one point. The jury makes the final decisions as to who is picked for the award, and is usually made up of the immediate past recipient and a well-known critic, editor, or scholar.

Past jurors included Mark Strand and Dabney Stuart (poets), Toby Thompson (non-fiction writer), Dorothy M. Scura (literary critic and scholar). The Dos Passos Prize is usually funded through grants from the Longwood Foundation, but

has also been supported by private donors, by the discretionary fund of the President of the College, and by the English and Modern Language Department operating budget. The honorarium, originally \$1,000, was increased to \$2,000

in 2000.

One of the goals of the Committee is to create a stable financial base that would allow them to have greater freedom in picking a winner and recognizing them through an increased honorarium. Another goal is to have an proper celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Prize, something to give Longwood recognition for support-

ing it. For the 10th anniversary in 1990, President and Mrs. William F. Dorrill hosted a dinner at Longwood House.

For the 15th anniversary in 1995, President Dorrill and William L. Frank, Dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, hosted a dinner and panel discussion that included the 1994 Prize recipient, the late James Welch, Elizabeth Spencer (winner in 1991), William Hoffman (winner in 1992), and David Quentin Vest, a former member of the Longwood English faculty.

Another project would include the publication of an anthology of works by Dos Passos Prize winners. Benefits from such would accrue to the University for years to come.



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Dos Passos Prize Winners Through the Years

- Graham Greene - 1980
- Gilbert Sorrentino - 1981
- Robert Stone - 1982
- Doris Betts - 1983
- Tom Wolfe - 1984
- Russel Banks - 1985
- John Edgar Wideman - 1986
- Lee Smith - 1987
- Shelby Foote - 1988
- Paule Marshall - 1989
- Larry Woiwode - 1990
- Elizabeth Spencer - 1991
- William Hoffman - 1992
- Ernest Gains - 1993
- James Welch - 1994
- Helena Viramontes - 1995
- E. Annie Proulx - 1996
- Maxine Hong Kingston - 1997
- Eric Kraft - 1998
- Jill McCorkle - 1999
- Madison Smart Bell - 2000
- Randall Kenan - 2001
- Richard Powers - 2002

Stop Kiss Run Finishes Successfully

Bobbi Thibo
Editor-in-Chief

This past week, the Longwood University Theatre Department ran their latest production, *Stop Kiss*.

The plot, which centers around the relationship between a woman who has just moved to New York City, Sarah (Aubrie Therrien), and a New York traffic reporter, Callie (Mel McConnell), unfolded during the one hour and forty-five minute intermission-free performance.

The women's relationship evolves from practically strangers, to friends, and then to lovers who are violently attacked due to their sexual preference. The play doesn't focus solely on a lesbian couple, but instead it focuses on relationships in general.

"The obvious focus is the lesbian relationship, but really the play is about relations with people in general," Therrien explained. "The play focuses on how love sometimes comes out

of no where, and this time it just happened to be between two women."

Structurally, the play was in split time, interchanging the present and the past, with no intermission.

This setup worked well for the production; it emphasized the severity of Sarah's condition and the internal conflict in Callie.

The lack of an intermission also worked surprisingly well. The entirety of the play was focused on the development of the central relationship, and to break for an intermission would result in a break for that development.

The sound track was catchy

and broke up the monotony of more than 40 scene changes while diverting the audiences attention away from what was going on onstage between scenes.

The controversial theme was overall handled in a tasteful yet realistic manner. The term "pussy-eating cunt," and other derogatory phrases, were only used to express the level of severity of the situation.

While the script obviously attempted to stay away from typical stereo-types and classifications, a couple of scenes, including the scene where Sarah suggests they go to a gay bar, wasn't up to the high standards of the majority of

the play.

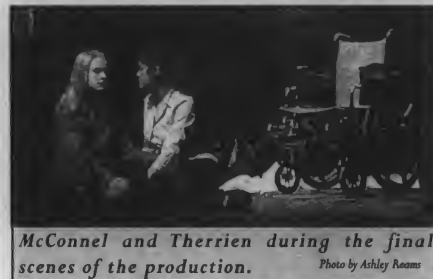
Based solely on appearance, the obvious casting decision would have been Therrien as the New Yorker and McConnell as the Midwesterner, but both women overcame that physical classification and developed their

the hardest part must have been the kiss, but it wasn't. The hardest part was making the audience believe that they were in love and that they had watched us fall in love on stage," Therrien said.

Overall, the production was a success in delivering its message



Aubrie Therrien (left) as Sarah and Mel McConnell (right) as Callie.
Photo by Ashley Reams



McConnell and Therrien during the final scenes of the production.
Photo by Ashley Reams

characters.

As expected, there were certain difficulties to overcome for all of the cast and crew. For McConnell and Therrien, the development of their relationship was challenging.

"Everybody says to me that

about human relations, despite the difficulty of the script and the structure.

Stage Manager Deanna Martinez concluded, "Theater in general is trial and error. Sometimes you get a home run and sometimes you strike out. I'd

Author's Series: John Hoppenthaler, Poet

Leslie Smith
Asst. Editor-in-Chief

On Tuesday, March 2, John Hoppenthaler came to campus as a part of the 2004-2005 Author's Series.

Dr. Craig Challender introduced Hoppenthaler as an author who fills his works with "hands - hands as receptacles, hands as tools of desires," and poems "drenched in images of the everyday."

A first generation American, Hoppenthaler's parents came over from Germany 50 years ago. Hoppenthaler received his MFA in Poetry Writing from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1988. He has 19 poems nominated for the Pushcart Prize, and he has been the personal assistant to Toni Morrison for the last 10 years.

Hoppenthaler's started seriously writing poems in 1980. "In high school, I started writing song lyrics for a band, and it started there," he said. Hoppenthaler started the night with two poems

inspired by up-state New York folklore, "Anticipate the Coming Reservoir" and "Cat Skills Story."

He continued with what he called his "elegy-styled poems," poems that dealt with death and history.

One of these, "Home Movies," is his first international poem, as it had been translated into Romanian for an overseas journal. Another, "Sea Robins," is set on the Long Island sound, written about five years ago. The poem "Ice" is a winter poem about his father's death. "Often it's 10 years between the event and the poem...I think it's dangerous to write too soon after an event," he said about writing poems about death, and other serious matters.

His poem "A Jar of Rain" touches on 9/11, written for a collection of 9/11 works that his friend was editing. The poem "Ice Jesus" is a dramatic monologue piece, and the next was "Dolphins at Point Pleasant Beach," set on the New Jersey

shore.

Next were a few relationship poems, including the title poem for his book, "Lives of Water," set on the Hudson River, near Sleepy Hollow.

The poem "Giradelli - San Francisco," is a self-admitted "love poem for my best friend's wife, Mihaela Moscaluc." Two poems about sex, "Another Call" and "Sex in Public Places," made many audience members laugh. The poem Hoppenthaler ended on was one he "often end[s] on, for a friend who had had something terrible happen to her, called 'The Blue Bear.'"

As the editor of Kestrel, a literary journal, Hoppenthaler said, "I think that poetry should be just as well-written as prose."

Jenn Dize, Senior, commented on the reading, "It was my favorite reading this semester."

McLaina Evans, Sophomore, said, "I enjoyed the 'Sex in Public' poem. I appreciate a poet who can write about those sorts of subjects."

Shannon's Watch by John Hoppenthaler

*"A child said it, and it seemed true,
Things that are lost are all equal."
-Marvin Bell*

It's like when you lose your watch,
but then the ghost-weight
around your wrist changes to something
else. Maybe an unexpected fragrance
from childhood, or the odd
turn of a phrase heard in passing
on a total stranger's lips.

It would be too easy to say nothing
is really lost, not accurate anyway,
now that friends have begun to die.
But we have weight & memory. People
who feel familiar & might be one day.
Better to buy a cheap plastic watch,
you say & I agree until that changes too,
& I swear only things we can't bear
to part with are really worth losing.

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Clearly, when it comes to STDs, it's never a bad idea for sisters to step up and take control of the situation.

After all, a recent study shows that many men appear to find treatment for STDs preferable to prevention.

There's no reason for women to limit their stash to condoms either. Some women just don't realize the extent that STDs can pass between female partners (or even the risk of infection from shared or unclean sex toys). From barrier dams to finger cots, having adequate coverage on hand can go a long way toward STD prevention.

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Women may have gained a persuasive tool for negotiating safer sex with partners, but what about the guys? How can dealing with painful itching and burning, or even lifelong consequences, seem better than playing it safe from the start?

For men, the concept of playing safe is more about staying safe. Condoms often symbolize a level of intimacy in male circles. Some men think NOT using is a way to show commitment and trust: A troubling brand of logic that man-

ages to put our closest connections at risk. In a study of 224 men who visited a Birmingham, Ala., STD clinic, nearly two-thirds admitted they had been previously diagnosed with one or more STD.

Study participants also reported that their lowest levels of confidence for condom-use centered around convincing a main partner that they were in a committed relationship.

This prevalent attitude may be contributing to the resurgence of syphilis, a disease that health officials once had hopes of eradicating by focusing on members of the high-risk African-American population. However, infection rates increased 85.2 percent among white males in 2002 over the previous year, with gay and bisexual men appearing most vulnerable.

Syphilis can remain hidden in the body for up to 90 days, long enough to get past new relation-

ship jitters and lapse into risky behaviors. And with syphilis on the rise, health experts worry that the resulting genital sores and cankers will provide an open door for HIV infection.

Bottom line, whether you're kindling a new spark or fanning an old flame, it's important to keep the fire in control with a good prevention strategy.

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Are Longwood's Class Sizes Increasing Every Year?

Ricky Jennings
Staff Writer

The perception of Longwood University is one of a small university with big things to offer.

The 2004-2005 LU student handbook gives this impression by explaining all the benefits that Longwood has including internships, student programs, and a claim of a 19 to 1 student-teacher ratio.

This number is at odds with updated figures from Associate Director of Assessment and Institutional Research Sandra Bollinger. According to Bollinger's statistics, the student-teacher ratio was 26 to 1 in Fall 2002; 27 to 1 in Fall 2003; and 24 to 1 in Fall 2004.

The enrollment for freshmen during the 2004-2005 academic year was 972 freshmen. This is a jump compared to last fall with the enrollment of freshman at about 880.

This increase in size of the freshman class brings total

enrollment at Longwood up to 3,950, including about 3,700 undergraduates and 250 graduate students.

With this increase in the number of the student body, some students have the perception of Longwood losing its small classes.

Dr. Wayne McWee, interim vice president for academic

While this years' freshman class was the largest in Longwood's history, so is this year's graduating class.

This balances out the current increase in the student body, which explains that the student body is not growing in leaps and bounds.

"We will and are growing, but we grow in a controlled manner," McWee said.

The university has maintained a low student-teacher ratio with about 70 percent of students enrolled in classes with sizes of 20-29 students and 95 percent of all students having classes with less than 45 students per class.

Some students like Jamie Hildrup, Psychology major, are concerned about a growing class size because "as my class increases in size, the pace at which the material is taught is slowed because more people need a higher degree of explanation," Hildrup said.

Other students find that their classes maintain a 25 to 1 student-

teacher ratio. Most students who were interviewed said that they feel fine with current class sizes.

Junior Tabor Vess said, "Classes are very small compared to other schools."

Another reason as to why the current perceptions of the university will not change, explained McWee is that there are 192 faculty and staff members will hold at the University.

This year they are planning to hire five new faculty members.

These new faculty member positions are in the business department, education department, and in arts and sciences.

The university is planning to fill five more positions a year for the next three years, putting the total faculty number at 212 in 2009.

This growth in the faculty is expected to adequately fulfill the educational needs, of the future size of Longwood University and the student body.

"We grow in a controlled manner."

-Dr. Wayne McWee

affairs, explained that this is a big concern, and that this perception of Longwood needs to be maintained.

"The current administration here at the university firmly believes in keeping the close student-teacher relationship intact," McWee said. "First, it is being assumed that the overall student body is growing at a rate that would greatly influence this perception of Longwood."

African-American History & Heritage: What Is NPHC?

Justin Wilkes
Guest Writer

On May 10, 1930, at Howard University in Washington, D.C., five organizations decided that there was a need for a stronger bond among the historically black fraternities and sororities.

And on that day, the NPHC was born.

NPHC, the acronym for National Pan-Hellenic Council, is the umbrella union of all nine African-American based inter-collegiate organizations and is used to promote interaction through meetings, forums, public events and other mediums in an effort to initiate awareness and individual interests of the student bodies they serve.

On Longwood University's campus the NPHC has held annual events such as their fall and spring step show, karaoke night in the café and numerous other socials and informational meetings.

The overall and founding mission of the NPHC is "Unanimity of thought and action as far as possible in the conduct of Greek letter collegiate fraternities and sororities, and to consider problems of mutual interest to its member organizations."

The nine organizations that compose the NPHC are as listed: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.* which was founded in 1906 at Cornell University, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.* which was founded in 1908 at Howard University, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. which was founded in 1911 at Indiana University, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. which was founded in 1911 at Howard University, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.* which was founded in 1913 at Howard University, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.* which was founded in 1914 at Howard University, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.* which was founded in 1920 at Howard University, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.* which was founded in 1922 at Butler University and Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.* which was founded in 1963 at Morgan State University.

Keep a look out for flyers, posters, etc. for word on what the NPHC organizations will be doing next.

All facts and information taken from: www.nphc.org/about.htm.

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Longwood Safety, Police's Top Priority

Janet Jones
A&E Editor

The safety of a college campus is usually a factor for many high school students when choosing a residence to live and learn.

For many parents it is a primary factor. Why would it not be? They are paying thousands of dollars a year for their child to live away from home unharmed.

Despite effort by the college and community, safety still seems to be an issue that must constantly be dealt with. Longwood University is no different than any other college campus.

While it is much smaller and friendlier than other universities, crime still manages to creep into the lives of Longwood students.

Even though there are blue emergency lights located throughout campus and police

working 24 hours a day to protect Longwood's students, every month or so we receive an email to warn about sexual assault, burglary or hate crimes being committed.

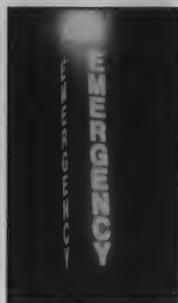
One area in particular where students and faculty have seemed to express a feeling of uneasiness is next to Grainger and construction of the Rotunda. There are no blue emergency lights in this dimly lit area on the edge of campus.

With this said, how exactly are you going to contact help in this area of campus if an emergency situation arises?

Walking home alone at night is not one of the most sought after activities a young adult would aspire to. Longwood provides Night Walkers to assist students if they become frightened, but many people do not feel frightened or intimidated.

Luckily, on this campus, there is not an overwhelming

threat of known predators or criminals walking the streets at night. However, that does not



mean that they do not exist.

If you do encounter a situation such as this, Longwood strongly encourages individuals to report assaults to officials. Reporting the assault is the only effective way for action to be taken.

The mission found on the Longwood Police website states, "The Department of

Public Safety supports Longwood University's mission of developing citizen leaders who are prepared to make positive contributions to the common good of society."

The Longwood Police department has 13 sworn law enforcement officers. All of the officers have completed a 22-week basic law enforcement course and must update their training every two years.

Many of these officers hold certifications in rape aggression defense instruction and crime scene forensics.

Not only are these police officers themselves trained to serve and protect, but they also offer hall programs to teach self-defense and hold open classes to certify for rape aggression defense.

The crime statistics from campus security from January 2004 to December 2004 for on campus, off campus, public property and residential arrests

are posted on the Longwood Police website at www.longwood.edu/police.

An overview from the past year on various crimes is as follows: three burglaries, two forcible sex offenses, 68 arrests for violation of liquor law, eight arrests for violation of drug law, three robberies, four referrals for violation of liquor law and two referrals for violation of drug law.

Not all of these offenses will directly affect other Longwood students, but they may be contributing factors that influence the behavior.

The police officers at Longwood are not trying to ruin your the lives on young adults, but cut back on the number of disturbing e-mails sent out every so often.

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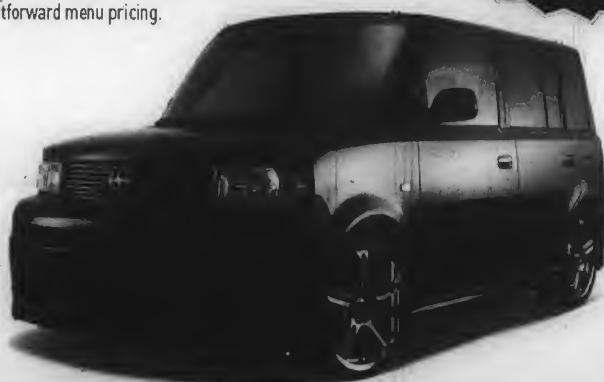
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Men's Basketball Humbled By #4 Wake Forest

Kyle Martin
Staff Writer

The men's basketball team competed in their final road game of the 2004-2005 season against the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll fourth-ranked Demon Deacons of Wake Forest last Wednesday. The Lancers hoped to avoid going winless on the road this season, but faced the daunting task of their third ranked oppo-



Lamar Barrett charges a Deacon player. Photo By Will Pettus

nent in their first full year of Division I scheduling.

"We didn't have good momentum going into it," freshman guard Stanley Boateng said. Longwood came into the match-up after losing a close game last Monday night to in-state rival James Madison in a last-minute battle 72-70.

In the first half, Wake Forest jumped out to a commanding 15-0 lead less than five minutes into the contest with junior forward Chris Ellis and senior guard Taron Downey contributing 12 points in the run.

After missing their first six shots, sophomore guard Michael Jefferson put the Lancers on the board with 15:26 remaining, nailing a jumper outside of the cylinder.

Pre-season All-American candidate Chris Paul, a sophomore,

sparked the Demon Deacons to nine unanswered points with a three-pointer after a pass from senior forward Jamaal Levy behind the arc for an 18-2 score with 14:51 left on the clock.

Sophomore guard Husein Pistoljevic drained Longwood's second basket, by connecting from three-point range with a pass from sophomore forward Jon Larson.

"I was kind of surprised to be open to shoot such easy shots," Pistoljevic said.

However, Wake Forest unloaded 14 straight points including a pair of dunks from junior guard Richard Joyce and Ellis; triples from Downey and Paul to lead 39-5 with 6:47 to play.

Sophomore forward Maurice Sumter responded with the drained jump-shot, but the Demon Deacons' junior guard Justin Gray drilled back-to-back threes, and assisted a Paul jumper to amass a 40-point (47-7) mountain for Longwood to overcome.

Freshman forward Lamar Barrett helped trim the deficit, making the jumper along the baseline with a pass from freshman guard Brandon Giles for a 47-9 score.

Over the final 2:00 minutes of the half, the Lancers limited Wake Forest to one basket and six free-throws. Barrett and Jefferson each converted three-pointers during that span, but the Demon Deacons finished the half with a 57-22 edge.

"Like a lot of young players, their energy goes the way the game goes," head men's basketball coach Mike Gillian said. Fortunately for Longwood, the Lancers did not flat-line.

At halftime, Longwood's Jefferson led the squad with 10 points and three rebounds, the only Lancer in double-figure scoring. Barrett and Sumter chipped in five and four points respectively. As a team, Longwood shot 32% (8-25) from the floor and committed 11 turnovers.

Paul and Downey led Wake Forest at the break, each scoring 10 points, with Paul snatching

three rebounds. Ellis led all players at the break with seven boards and as a team the Demon Deacons snatched an impressive 32 rebounds in the opening period. Wake Forest shot 48% (19-40) from the floor, committing three turnovers.

The second half continued to be a struggle for Longwood to establish shooting momentum, missing their first four shots of the half.

Sumter tried to get the Lancers in a rhythm by tipping in the rebound from Barrett's missed jumper with 18:03 to play.

Jefferson helped Longwood cut the lead to 34 with his jumper at the 16:54 mark, but the Lancers could not get closer.

The Deacons' Downey drilled his second three of the game 12 seconds later, making it 64-27, as Wake Forest began to pull away.

A pair of free-throws from Williams and a Levy lay-up put Wake ahead, 68-29, with less than 15 minutes to play.

Pistoljevic provided a needed basket with his second three of the game with 13:12 left, to cut the margin to 36.

From that point, the Deacons scored 10 unanswered points, capped off by senior forward Vytas Danielius's lay-up, to jump to a gargantuan 46-point, 80-34 landslide with 9:07 remaining in the game.

After a pair of Jefferson free-throws, Wake Forest put the exclamation point on the match at the 7:10 mark with Ellis's dunk off the pass from Downey.

Barrett connected on three straight free-throw attempts and Sumter nailed a lay-up with 4:33

left in regulation to trail 80-39.

With the game in hand for the Demon Deacons, both teams emptied their benches to provide needed experience for their younger players down the stretch.

Freshman forward Wes Hager entered the contest and in the final 2:47, grabbed a rebound, made a lay-up, converted two free-throws, and made a steal.

"It was exciting to play Wake Forest, the biggest team in the ACC," Hager said. "It was intense."

Wake Forest held on to defeat Longwood 88-47 to improve to 23-4 and dropped Longwood to 1-29 on the season with one game remaining.

In a post-game interview, Wake Forest head coach Skip Prosser complemented the effort of Gillian and his squad.

"When I watch Longwood University on tape, despite their record, they competed," Prosser said. "Give their coach credit for that."

In the loss, Jefferson led all scorers with a game-high 14 points and snatched five rebounds. Sumter added a nine-point effort, while junior center Chad Kosmo recorded a team-high seven rebounds. Longwood finished the game shooting 16-58 (27.6%) and committed a game-total 25



Michael Jefferson tries for a three-pointer with a Wake Forest defender's hand in his face. Photo By Will Pettus

rebounds.

Wake Forest's Gray earned a team-high 13 points, shooting a perfect 5-5 from the free-throw line to lead five players in double-figure scoring. Williams grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds to go with his 12-point performance. The Demon Deacons finished the game shooting 45.5% (30-66). More importantly, the team grabbed a collective 53 rebounds in the win.

The Lancers hosted Utah Valley State on Wednesday in their season finale to earn their second victory.

For the Lancers to be successful, according to Kosmo, "We have to play really good defense against Ronnie Price, defend and rebound, and take smart shots."



Longwood students made the three and a half hour drive down to Winston-Salem, North Carolina to support their fellow students in the game against Wake Forest. Photo By Will Pettus

Baseball Record 2-1 at Home After Opening Series Against St. Joe Hawks

John Rosenstock
Staff Writer

Finally, after eleven road games and the original home-opener with VMI cancelled due to rain, Longwood baseball hosted their first games at Lancer Stadium in 2005.

Longwood struggled in the first eleven matchups away from their home-turf, winning just one game at Hawaii-Pacific. The Lancers returned home to a warm crowd in Farmville, facing off against the Hawks of St. Joseph's University in a three-game series February 26 and 27.

"We had a rough start away from home and we took our home opener as a new beginning," commented senior tri-captain Brett Mooney. "It's always nice playing at home, and it's even better putting one in the win column in front of friends and family," Mooney added.

The Lancers came out with a decisive victory in game one, winning 9-4 against the Hawks. Freshmen pitcher John Farrell pitched six respectable innings,

giving up eight hits and four runs, complemented by eight strikeouts.

Mooney started things off for Longwood at the plate, singling in the bottom of the first. With two outs and Mooney still on first, sophomore Charlie Yarbrough hit a shot to left field that cleared the fence, lifting the Lancers to a 2-1 lead. Freshman Nick von Gersdorff scored fellow first-year teammate Louis Ullrich on a fielder's choice in the second inning, and the lead advanced to 3-1.

The contest was tied-up going into the bottom of the seventh, when sophomore Tyler Childress doubled, scoring Yarbrough and sophomore Matthew Duval to give Longwood the 6-4 advantage. A 3-run eighth inning put the Lancers up by five, and they never looked back, finishing the game off 9-4.

"It felt really good to come out with the win in our '05 season opener," commented assistant coach Rick Blanc. "We've been close, the mental mistakes

had been hurting us more than the physical ones, and it was nice to get over that hump."

Unfortunately for the Lancers, the second game of the double-header did not go as planned. According to Blanc, the team probably got a little over-confident and did not play as hard and committed as they did in the first game.

St. Joe's scored four quick runs in the first inning, and the momentum the Lancers may have had from the first game was immediately shut down. Poor pitching and lack of offensive productivity plagued Longwood in game two, and the visiting Hawks came out victorious 9-1.

Mooney was unquestionably the player of the day for Longwood at the plate. After going 4-5 in game one and scoring twice, he followed it up hitting 2-3 in the second game, totaling six hits for the day. Commenting on the let-down in game two, Mooney said, "I think our defensive play in the first inning where they scored 4 runs

was the major cause of the loss."

Longwood dominated game three in all aspects. Sophomore Alan Moore pitched seven solid innings for the Lancers, allowing just four hits and one run. Freshman pitcher Sean Quinn closed out the last two innings giving up a mere one hit and zero runs.

At the plate, Longwood amassed seventeen hits and ten runs, marking the first time this season the team reached double-digits in runs. Freshman Joe Bott had his best performance of the year, with three hits in four at-bats.

"We've all been struggling a bit getting hits in key situations and executing," commented Bott, "so it was nice to have a day where we all were able to contribute and I think the fact that we had 17 hits says a lot about the intensity that we brought to the game."

The bottom of the second inning seemed that it would never come to an end. A great example of the elusive intensity

the Lancers were looking for, the team totaled six hits and five runs in the second. Bott led off the inning with a double to right-center field, followed by a single from senior Chris Balus that put runners in the corners. A sacrifice fly to center scored Bott, and four more runs were to come before the Hawks had a chance to bat.

Longwood closed out the game with an impressive 10-1 win over St. Joseph's. They also came out victorious in the series, defeating the visitors in two of the three games. The Lancers will be back in action for a three-game series at Radford University, March 5 and 6.

Lancers Wrangle Bison in Opener

Kyle Martin
Staff Writer

To start the 2005 season, the lacrosse team executed in dominant fashion against the Bison of Bucknell University. "My team is very well organized. They executed perfectly," head coach Janet Grubbs said after the 14-5 victory last Saturday.

In the first period, the Lancers trailed after the first three minutes when Bucknell's Emily Burman, a midfielder, beat junior goalie Emily Wilson for a 1-0 lead.

Longwood, however, answered back on senior midfielder Sophie Dress's goal with 26:29 remaining in the half. Twenty-eight seconds later, a pass from Dress set up sophomore attacker Kathleen Barry for the shot beating junior goalie Lizzy McDaniel, giving the Lancers the lead they never surrendered.

Over the next three minutes, Barry and Dress each tallied another score, but senior attacker Isa Cohen established herself as an offensive leader.

"Everyone knows their part and knows their plays. When everyone's where they're supposed to be, it clicks so well," Cohen said.

Cohen connected on the first of a game-high five goals at the 6:28 mark and assisted on senior

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Softball Looks to Improve on Last Year's 37-13 Season

Steve Reeves
Staff Writer

The distinct smell of freshly cut grass, along with the resonating sound of the infield rake loosening the red dirt that surrounds the bases, both indicate the beginning of Spring, and more importantly, the start of the 2005 Longwood softball season. Led by Coach Kathy Riley, in her eighth year as head coach, the Lady Lancers are confident in their ability to compete with what is to be a most difficult Division I schedule. "We are improving every time we play," stated senior co-captain Jen Steele.

The Lady Lancers are coming off a remarkable 2004 season of 37-13 in which they were classified as D-II Independents. Losing two instrumental players in third baseman Heather Williams and pitcher Abby Welch, the team was able to refocus on the present. When asked about the difference in terms of strengths and weaknesses from last year to this year's

team, Coach Riley said, "We have a lot of players who are returning, (9) which will give us experience; however our pitching is a bit thin, but we are getting better."

The team shows their dedication by getting up at 4:30 in the morning and ready to practice by 5 a.m.. Following their morning practice, the players then hit the batting cages in the afternoon, and complete an evening practice, all huddled around the mound, viewing the sunset as a team. "I want hard-working, good people on my team," stated Co-captain and shortstop Megan Cameden.

Although each player has varying philosophies and pre-contest rituals (such as Junior first baseman Megan Wilson's listening to her "softball techno mix," they all agree on the level of hard work and motivation that is a prerequisite to joining the team. "You're only as good as your weakest player," stated Co-captain Jen Steele, who also looks for teammates with a

strong work ethic.

This year's team seems to be very goal-oriented; having set benchmarks for each tournament they enter. Prior to the start of the season the team got together and were given the responsibility by Coach Riley to decide what they saw as feasible goals they wanted to meet. She reflected on her decision to bestow upon the team, the responsibility of setting goals saying that it was really a team process, not solely her own and that creating goals was an important process for the team. Among what they believe will be the most trying of match ups is their game against San Diego State on March 18 through the 20. "It will be tough out west," said junior transfer, and Michigan-native, Megan Wilson in reference to their San Diego State Tournament.

They face other notable competition with teams like Radford, UVA, Liberty, and George Washington. The Lady Lancers will be hosting four games and

two week-end tournaments here in Farmville, and will be competing in the coveted alumni game during spring weekend, April 16. On March 22 and 23 the Lancers will be hosting the Lancer Invitational Tournament, followed by the Longwood Classic on April 9 and 10. On April 13 the Lady Lancers play host to Coppin State, Liberty on April 19, Howard on April 21 and finish up at home with George Washington on April 26.

Taking pride in the fact that the team possesses a work ethic second to none, along with their understanding of what it takes to succeed, this year's team seeks out the perfection of minute details which encompass the game. "You gotta do the little things right, stated Cameden, Everything else will come together."



Coach Kathy Riley

Weekly Trivia

Who is the currently leads the Lancers in homeruns?

Last Week's Question:

Which returning pitcher for the Lancers started the most games last season?
Alan Moore (12 starts)

If you would like to submit a trivia question send an e-mail to retundo@longwood.edu subject "Trivia" with your question, answer and name (if desired).

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attacker Leann Kibler's first score of the contest with 20:10 left on the clock.

After securing a 6-1 lead, Cohen notched three of the Lancers' six goals over the next 10:24, giving Longwood a 10-goal lead (11-1) with 9:36 remaining.

In the remainder of the half, Longwood utilized defense and noteworthy saves from Wilson, stoning freshman attacker Ashley Flood and sophomore attacker Katie Edge.

Kibler tallied her final goal of the game at 23:48, but Bucknell went on to the break with a bit of momentum on freshman mid-fielder Elizabeth Whipple's only score.

At halftime, the Lancers held the 12-2 edge over the Bison, committing five turnovers to Bucknell's 10.

"Warming up, [Bucknell] looked so big and strong, but in the game, they did a lot of overthrows and couldn't handle the pressure," Grubbs stated.

The second half was reminiscent of the first, with Bucknell notching the first score in the first minute of play on senior midfielder Andrea Paraud's shot assisted by a pass from behind the net.

At the 4:48 mark, junior attacker Ali Shaffer put her mark on the scoreboard to give the Lancers a 13-3 lead. Cohen nailed Longwood's final score of the game with less than 18 minutes to play, earning her fifth score of the match.

Bucknell pressured late, but saves by Wilson over the final 10 minutes helped Longwood seal a

STUDENT-ATHLETE PROFILES

Chris Balus

Baseball (Senior, 3rd yr.)
Newport News, Virginia

Why do you play baseball?

-My brothers played when I was younger, so my parents signed me up when I was five and I've been playing ever since.

Recall your best moment playing here.

-My freshman year, hitting .350 and starting every game was a good achievement.

What do you like most about Longwood?

-I like that it's small, everything's close together. Everybody knows everybody. You're not just a number on campus.

What goals do you have?

-My goal is to graduate from Longwood University as a physical education major and become a coach at a high school. Some of my athletic goals include hitting over .300 and making less than five errors.



What is your favorite movie, t.v. show, or song?

-One of my favorite movies was "The Sandlot" because it was kind of like when I was growing up playing sandlot baseball.

What is your favorite hobby?

-I have a daughter, Sydney, who is one. I spend a lot of time with her.

What makes you unique?

-I have a child and I have to balance school, my team, and my family. It's unique that I'm a father playing college sports.

Shawn Slotke

Lacrosse (Senior, 3rd yr.)
Hometown: Baltimore, Maryland

Why do you play lacrosse?

-I played soccer and lacrosse in high school, but lacrosse has been more exciting for me and it's a faster paced game.

Recall your best moment playing here.

-Last year, beating Virginia Tech in double-overtime sudden death. We came from seven goals behind to win.

What do you like most about Longwood?

-I feel that lacrosse is being more and more respected every year at Longwood University.

What goals do you have?

-Just for lacrosse, I want for us to be competitive. I just want us to show Division I that Longwood University can compete.

What is your favorite movie, t.v. show, or song and why?

-My favorite movie is "Zoolander" because it reminds me of my teammates, how funny they are, and we watch it together.



What is your favorite hobby?

-I like all sports really. I'm a huge Maryland University basketball fan. I love the Ravens.

What makes you unique?

-I'm unique because I didn't make varsity lacrosse until my senior year in high school and I started my sophomore year here.

What do you want to be remembered as?

-I guess being really hardworking and enthusiastic.

Men's Tennis Results


Sports Information

Longwood University dropped a 6-1 men's tennis decision to visiting Radford University Wednesday. The Lancers dropped to 0-3 this season with the home loss. Longwood will play again this Friday, March 4, hosting Elon University at 2 p.m. in Farmville. Longwood got its lone win in singles at #2 as sophomore Rashko Patnikov/Bankya, Bulgaria (Smirnenski) won 6-4, 6-0.

Radford 6, @Longwood 1

Singles

1. Lloyd (RU) def. Tobias Guennel (LU), 6-0, 6-0
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Words From The Editor: Attendance Policy as Bothersome as It Appears?



As a high school senior, one of the "perks" that students look forward to in college

is the freedom of choice of whether or not to go to class.

As a high school senior, every class period takes roll, there are attendance officials and you need a note from your guardian to leave early for anything.

"All that is going to change," we were told. "College professors don't care whether you come to class or not; it's up to you to make that decision."

All the while, my high school brain was thinking, "sounds great."

When I got to college, I was in for a huge surprise. Class wasn't optional! Every class I had my first semester freshman year took attendance, and Longwood actually has an attendance policy.

It isn't as simple as coming to class when you feel like it, taking the tests and getting good grades. Most professors won't even pass you if you don't come to class!

Sure, your parents aren't there to physically force you to get your ass out of bed, but the professors care a lot more than anticipated.

As a freshman, this was a major disappointment, but now, three years later, I'm looking at the situation in a whole new light.

As aggravating as it may have been to have my "college without classes" dream shattered, I am now able to understand the reasoning behind this often irritating policy.

The truth is, the professors really do care.

Behind their strict policies on attendance and participation, professors have justified reasoning.

It's our education.

As much as I would like to say that coming to class and being an active student isn't necessary to be successful, I can't do it. I would be lying.

Copying somebody else's notes, reading cliff notes off the internet, tracking assignments through blackboard and downloading power point presentations are not suitable substitutions for attending class.

The personal contact with professors, which is one of the perks of attending a small university such

as Longwood, is lost if students do not attend classes.

Registering for a lecture class, not showing up and depending on other resources to get the information is a waste of time and money.

If this is your preferred method of learning, take an on-line course.

Believe me, I don't like getting up in the morning either. And I'd be lying if I didn't admit to the fact that every morning when my alarm goes off, I think about ripping it out

of the wall and rolling back over.

However, the next time you are cursing your professors for an attendance policy and thinking up your next great excuse, remember that they don't do it to make your life miserable. They are giving you what you paid for and what you deserve.

Bobbi L. Thibo

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Editor-In-Chief

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I have a pet peeve: people who don't clean up after themselves. As a dining customer, I hate it when people get up and leave a mess on their table.

As a food and beverage server, I especially hate it when people make a mess and don't clean up after themselves.

I won't fault solely Longwood's young adult student population, because we do serve adult faculty and staff, but students are the majority we serve, and I do tend to notice them more.

The Lancer Café is a buffet style dining facility; you get your own tray and plasticware, a server hands you your choice of menu item, you serve yourself a beverage, and you throw away your own trash and return your tray.

But not many students; oh, no, they leave trash not only on the table, but also on the floor under and around the table.

What are these students thinking?

Or are they not?

A messy table keeps the next customer away from it.

After they leave a few more unsightly tables in their wake, an entire section of the Café looks as if hit by a tornado.

The next customer is not responsible to clean your mess. The Café staff is not responsible to clean your mess.

NEWS FLASH: You are responsible to clean your own mess!

The café staff must wipe down the tables, stock the napkins and condiments for all customers.

They are not maids paid to clean up after you.

If you spill some of your drink, wipe it up. If you splatter ketchup, wipe it up.

In an ideal situation, we'd have an employee paid to do nothing but stand ready to clean up immediately after you leave your table.

But the situation is not ideal, so take your used napkins, your food packaging, your drink cups and bottles (including the ones you dropped on the floor) and throw them in the trash containers.

You'll find them all around the café.

Return your tray to the top of the trash containers; they were made for that.

Who is the person who spilled part of their drink on the table, right in front of a basket full of napkins and left the mess there?

I am sure their parents did not raise them to leave a mess for others to clean up.

What would their mothers do if they knew how their children acted?

I can only hope my children act as we taught them. I cringe at the thought that they don't.

Yes, we are here to help you. Accidents happen.

If you spill your entire drink, rather than use a wad of napkins, bring it to the attention of one of us and we will be happy to get a towel and wipe it up.

Don't just leave it there.

If you splatter your whole Nacho Stupendo all over the floor, let one of us know and we will gladly clean it up.

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I just want to make customers aware that we are understaffed. Every employee has a main job to perform, followed by helping

other employees of their team, followed by cleaning and stocking the dining area.

The cashier not only takes your money, but she also makes coffee, cleans, and stocks; additionally, the day shift cashier also bakes cookies and scones and takes inventory.

Any time the cashier must be away from the cash register, when there is no one else available, the Java City staff will take your money, while also trying to serve their customers.

Our customers are great; they understand and remain friendly and smiling when we need to be away from our stations and when we make mistakes.

We thank and appreciate them for that.

But I am sure they curse at us under their breath when they are in a hurry, and we aren't there to serve them.

How many times have you walked up to a register and been directed to go to the register on the other side of the Café or been asked to wait while we go after someone to run the register?

So now you know; every employee trying to do the job of two or three employees means we sometimes tend to directly serve customers in a manner less favorable than they like to be served and less favorably than we like to serve them.

Serving you is #1.

Cleaning up after you is at the bottom of our priority list, because we have so many tasks to perform to serve you.

We perform and respect our jobs. Please respect us and do the responsible thing: clean up after yourself.

-Trudy Berry

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What does Wal-Mart Think They're Doing?

Leslie Smith
Asst. Editor-in-Chief

A small story ran on the Delmarva 47 News website (<http://www.wmdt.com/>) about Wal-Mart skirting local ordinances in Calvert County, MD that limit the size of its stores.

Because a single large store was denied due to new size limits in the county, Wal-Mart decided to get tricky, and build two stores side-by-side.

One being a garden center, and the other being the actual Wal-Mart main store.

This dual-Wal-Mart action keeps the corporation from getting sued by the county, and also helps them attack the local town from the safety of two stores, instead of just one.

While this is the first time this anomaly has occurred, Wal-Mart reportedly has been thinking about continuing this practice in other towns.

Wal-Mart, the destroyer of Mom and Pop shops, the eater of little curio store profits, and now there's even talk of Wal-Mart opening a banking branch.

From a student's standpoint, I can see how Wal-Mart is desirable.

Many of my friends admit that it's the easiest place to go to get clothes and food.

It's convenient

because it is open 24 hours (in most places), and it has a wide selection of low-priced items.

But look past the gilded cover. They have questionable hiring and promoting policies;

1.6 million women who work, or have worked at Wal-Mart, have been allowed to join a class-action lawsuit against Wal-Mart.

They are trying to win compensation for wages not paid them due to their gender.

Wal-Mart's workforce is more than two-thirds female, while less than one-third of its management is female.

Many female workers who have worked there for years watch male employees hired into higher positions that they thought they might have been hired for.

Lawyers for the plaintiffs said female workers were routinely steered toward positions such as cashier, where there was little chance for promotion.

According to court documents, one woman was told she was not qualified to be a manager unless she could stack 50-pound bags of dog food.

Where are the ethics in this? Wal-Mart can afford to pay

these women the wages they deserve.

We all know that they're a "mega corporation," one that will have to have money to spare now, as they might have to cough up a hefty \$4,000 per woman.

That is not the only

case of Wal-Mart employees being mistreated.

Another lawsuit is coming up for the corporation, one by the janitors and overnight stockers who are habitually locked in the

store, and told that they would be fired if they opened the doors, because it's apparently a fire risk.

Wal-Mart says it has a Code of Conduct and monitoring program which guarantees respect for the human rights of any worker, anywhere in the world, who produces goods for sale in Wal-Mart stores.

They even wrote in their "Standards for Vendor Partners" in 1997 that "Walmart prefers work weeks limited to sixty hours per week with one day off per seven-day week."

But in Saipan, the reality for the women sewing Wal-Mart clothing is that they get \$3 an hour to work 10 to 12 hour shifts, seven days a week.

Young women get fired and deported for becoming pregnant, refusing to work overtime without pay, or complaining about their working or living conditions.

Sounds rather pleasant, right? Way to go, Wal-Mart.

On www.walmartwatch.com, they outline the "Top 10 Wal-Mart Worse Actions," including:

A jury found that Wal-Mart fired a white female employee because she was dating a black man in a 1998 case.

Wal-Mart sold fake Tommy Hilfiger apparel to consumers after a judge ordered the company to stop.

Only 38 percent of Wal-Mart employees have company provided health insurance—compared to a national average that shows 60% of employees are covered by company plans.

I won't lie to you.

I've shopped there, multiple times.

I had a night job one summer, and was happy to be able to go to a store at three or four a.m.

But I've slacked off on going there.

The Dollar Tree and Dollar General stores have better prices, and, as of my understanding, haven't been taken to court for anything.

Props and Drops

The Rotunda would like to encourage anyone and everyone to submit props and drops to rotunda@longwood.edu

Props:

- + To teachers cancelling classes before Spring Break.
- + To smoothies!
- + To Madeline's House staying open.
- + To doing your laundry at home.
- + To deep dish pizza.
- + To Doc Brock's excellent taste in music.

Drops:

- To having to work over Spring Break.
- To the wind tunnels outside.
- To gigantic cockroaches in The Hamms.
- To being a broke college student.

Speak Out

Who's your Favorite Simpson's Character?



Millhouse! Because I want him!

-Leanna Shearin
Sophomore



Ralph, because he rocks my socks!

-Sarah Blackwell
Sophomore



Flanders, he's just like me!

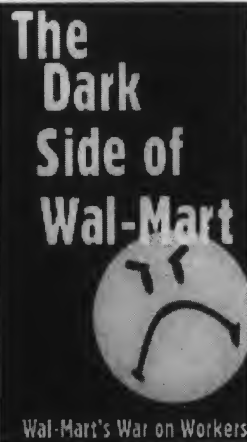
-Lindsay McGovern
Junior



Santa's Lil' Helper, because his name is stellar.

-Sara Poston
Sophomore

All pictures by Will Petrus



Calendar

For the Week of March 11 - 20

← Friday the 11th Saturday the 12th Sunday the 13th Monday the 14th Tuesday the 15th →

Applications for SGA, Class Officer, Honor Board, and Judicial Board Positions Due by 5 p.m.
Applications are located on Blackboard

SPRING BREAK STARTS!
The Rotunda wishes everyone a safe holiday!

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The University will be Closed

Baseball vs. St. Peter's (doubleheader)
12 p.m.
Lancer Stadium

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Baseball vs. St. Peter's
11 p.m.
Lancer Stadium

Men's Tennis vs. Coastal Carolina
12 p.m.
Tennis Courts

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Baseball vs. Princeton
2:30 p.m.
Lancer Stadium

Wednesday the 16th

SPRING BREAK!

SPRING BREAK!
The University will be Closed

Thursday the 17th

SPRING BREAK!

Baseball vs. Norfolk State (doubleheader)
1 p.m.
Lancer Stadium

Tongue in Cheek

By: Ellie Woodruff



Friday the 18th

SPRING BREAK!

Student Paychecks Available to Pick Up in Lancaster

"The American Cancer Society Relay for Life represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day cancer will be eliminated," www.cancer.org.

This year, Relay for Life will take place here at Longwood University, April 8-9, 2005. Teams from both Longwood and Hampden-Sydney will walk and raise money to help find the cure for cancer and to raise awareness of cancer prevention and treatment. 15 organizations have already signed up to participate in this event. If you would like to participate please contact the team relations coordinator at mlcarr@longwood.edu.

Upcoming Workshops & Presentations : Career Corner

Workshops:

Finding and Internship & Landing a Job
Thursday, the 24th - 5 pm
Resume & Cover Letter Writing
Monday the 28th - 6 pm
How to Ace Your Interviews
Monday the 28th - 7 pm

Presentations/Info Sessions:

Hawaii Pacific University - D-Hall Lobby
Wednesday the 30th - 10 am - 2 pm

Please check with the Career Center for Deadlines for Resumes

Recruiters accepting Resumes through LancerTRAK

- *Briar Patch Bed & Breakfast
- *Keiter, Stephens, Hurst, Gary & Shreaves
- *AIG/Sunamerica Securities, Inc.
- *The Sanderling
- *Richmond Police Department
- *CGI-AMS
- *United Way/South Hampton Roads
- *First Investors Corp.
- *Mohawk Industries
- *Auditor of Public Accounts
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March 10th
FBLA - Mock Interviews
2:30 pm
Hiner 203

March 29th
Walgreens
Internship Seminar
3:30 pm
Hiner 207

**College of Business Events -
Dates and Times**

Do you like helping others?
Do people come to you for advice?
Do you want to make a difference on campus and in the community?
If so, the Peer Helpers are now accepting applications for next semester.
If interested, applications can be picked up outside the Peer Helper office in the Student Union or just email PHelpers@longwood.edu for more information!

These behaviors were a half-century in the making. We at The Rotunda must have been looking for some signpost, an indicator, in your life, which would tell us that you had been made in the right image. Please, send The Rotunda your most significant, or just, questions. We'll be happy to answer them.

Carpe Diem

She smiled and said a pleasant hello to everyone as their paths crossed. No one answered; some looked the other way. Several crowded her off the sidewalk into the mud.

He picked up and handed back another guy's pen. Not even a "Hey; thanks, man." He let the giggling group of girls go first. They let the door close in his face.

She said all the right words; he did all the right things. Still no friends.

Tell them again, why did they come to friendly little Longwood?

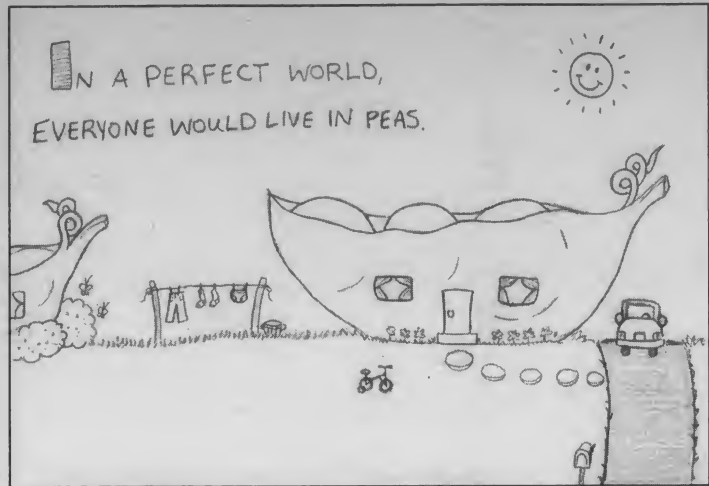
Intersecting paths—her "Hi"—his smile.

Finally! A human connection.

Naomi Pearson

The Way It Is

Candi Ziegert



Facebook Finally Invades Longwood University

Lori Ashmore
Staff Writer

Longwood students have the fever - and it's for The Facebook, an ever-changing, online year-book that gives students the chance to connect with friends, classmates, and other students across the country, and, in turn, prove their social status.

The Facebook, which can be accessed by visiting www.thefacebook.com, is defined by creator and Harvard student Mark Zuckerberg as "an online directory that connects people through social networks at colleges and universities."

Since www.thefacebook.com, was first launched on February 4, 2004 at Zuckerberg's Ivy League school, it has quickly spread to other schools such as MIT, Yale, and Stanford - and from there, well, the rest is history.

Now, a little more than a year later, www.thefacebook.com has become an obsession for more than 1.4 million students at over 295 schools, including Longwood, which became an official Facebook school on March 1, 2005.

For many Longwood students, that's the day that the mania began. Right now, www.thefacebook.com is considered by many college students the hottest way for college students to communi-

cate nationwide.

By creating a profile that includes everything from "basic information" such as name, age,



hometown, graduation year and major, to "extended information" favorite movies, music, and quotes, as well as one's relationship status, including choices such as "single," "in a relationship," "random play," or the ever-popular "whatever I can get," students can find and communicate with friends, groups, and love interests of all races, ages and personality types.

If you've ever felt a little low on the social totem pole, then www.thefacebook.com is just for you.

The site keeps track of how many friends you have here at Longwood, also giving a detailed description of how many friends you have at other Facebook schools.

Friends, as defined by The Facebook, are only those people cool enough for you to accept. As with any good friendship, the relationship is reciprocal, and in order to become someone's Facebook friend, you first must be 'Facebooked' - the process of

requesting to be someone's trusted confidant.

Once accepted, you can then divulge into all sorts of information about

thefacebook.com

your friend, including information about the number of friend your friends has.

Senior Jeff Sharrard is already up to 42 friends at Longwood, often checking the site two to three times a day to see if he's gotten any new invites.

"The Facebook is cool. It's crazy to see how you are connected to so many people on campus by your friends... I've also gotten in contact with people from high school I never thought I would talk to again," Sharrard said.

Sharrard isn't the only one. Over 65% of users nationwide admit to logging in at least once daily.

You can also show other sides of your personality by joining specialized groups created by users.

Popular groups range from fraternity, sorority and other club groups to "AIM Profile/Away

Message Checkers Anonymous - Longwood Chapter," "Blondes/Brunettes/Redheads Have More Fun," "I Heart Naps," "Anti-Pop A Collar," and "Facebook Addicts."

"I think it's interesting to see who joins which groups," said Leslie Smith, senior. "It opens up your eyes to who has things in common with you. There are people who joined the 'People Who Find Girls Wearing Eskimo Boots Ridiculous (Longwood Chapter)' that I never expected to. It's a new way to connect with your friends, and to find new friends."

By posting your class schedule, you can see how many people are connected to you through classes. You can also see how many people

However, some see The Facebook as a justified form of stalking.

"The Facebook is basically just like putting your name and life out there where someone can read it. No matter what, people will be able to find you... you don't even have to have the person's whole name to then find them, their picture, who their friends are, and every other connection to their life. I think it's scary," said sophomore Heather Slusar.

That person that you randomly talk to on the elevator or meet at a party could remember your first name, look you up, and want to be your friend.

Maybe the person that you've had a crush on since you've been at Longwood will add you as a friend, giving you new found hope for a relationship with him or her.

Junior Brandon Moore puts it like this; "Some girl that I don't even know wanted to be my friend. I didn't accept her -- If I don't know you, you're not my friend."

Right now, love it or hate it, no one knows if thefacebook.com is here to stay for a while, or is just a crazy fad.

But for now, thefacebook.com is helping to give the phrase "thanks for being my friend" a whole new meaning.

"The Facebook is cool. It's crazy to see how you are connected to so many people on campus by your friends... I've also gotten in contact with people from high school I never thought I would talk to again."

- Jeff Sharrard

you are connected to through friends.

Facebook membership isn't just limited to enrolled students. Alumni and faculty can also create a profile.

Although no Longwood faculty are on www.thefacebook.com as of yet, there is "A Dr. Lund Fan Club" group, created by Dr. Lund's loyal English students.

Movies Every College Student Should See is intended by the writer to inform students of movies that they might either not be aware of or are not cognitive of their excellence. This section will attempt to review not only classic movies but also movies with cult following.

Movies Every College Student Should See: *The Fifth Element*

Alan Smithee
Movie Critic

Plot: Like any good Bruce Willis movie, this stars the balding tough guy as a tough bald guy who is down on his luck.

Set in 2263 an unknown entity appears in space and threatens to destroy the entire universe. The only hope for existence, and more importantly, the human race, is an ancient race of wise aliens. The problem is, they've just been wiped from existence themselves.

The president of the world sees no other choice but to call in ex-military hero turned cabbie, Korbën Dallas, Willis, for the task of saving the world. Luckily for Dallas, and the male viewers at home, a sexy alien, played by Milla Jovovich, comes along to fulfill centuries old prophecies as the fifth element.

The only person who actually is trying to help negate existence is the evil businessman Zorg, played by Gary Oldman.

Upside: The action draws in the guys while the colorful, stunning sets keep the girls from rolling their eyes.

Willis is his normal badass-self and as DJ Ruby Rhod, Chris Tucker gives his finest on-screen performance, with the obvious exception of *Friday*.

Downside: Apparently they were running low on extras for this movie, because some of the supporting actors deliveries are just plain awful. Also, unless director Luc Besson was trying to be satirical with the costumes, they just look ridiculous.

Summary: A great action movie with remarkable sets for a background makes for an excellent popcorn thriller.

Benefit Concert Held at Zildgen's All Proceeds Donated to The American Red Cross

Bobbi Thibo
Editor-In-Chief

On Thursday, March 3, Alpha Gamma Delta and Phi Gamma Delta held a benefit concert, consisting of three bands, to raise money for the tsunami victims.

The concert was held at Zildgen's restaurant, and the cover charge of five dollars per person was donated in full to the American Red Cross.

The night started off at 10:00 p.m. with a decent initial turnout of approximately 75 people. The crowd primarily consisted of a mixture between Hampden-Sydney College and Longwood University students, with the exception of a few professionals.

As the night progressed, more students trickled in, bringing the total head count up to around 120-130 people in attendance through out the evening.

According to Zildgen's management, the benefit was kept at 21 and up simply because the restaurant tries to keep most of their functions within this limit.

Spaceheaters. All of the bands were happy to perform at the benefit.

"It's a good way to appreciate the good times that we have

and use that to benefit others," explained Bryan Reed, keyboard and percussions for Jubeus.

Everyone involved, whether it be the bands, the Zildgen's staff or the audience, seemed to have had a good time while benefiting a great



The last band of the night, Spaceheaters, performing at the benefit concert.
Photo by Bobbi Thibo

The band lineup started around 10 p.m. with Jubeus. The band, formerly Mickey Finn, is a Longwood-based band that started in 2000.

Following Jubeus was the Hampden-Sydney based band SHYDRIVE. Closing out the night was the performance by

cause. "We wanted to see what kind of support we could get from the Hampden-Sydney and Longwood communities, and we're really impressed with the turnout," stated Alpha Gamma Delta Advisor Lauren Rademaker.

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Catch the Spirit: Levy Finds Success in Student Affairs



Photo provided by Longwood Public Relations.

Ashley Dow
Longwood Public Relations

Life as a lawyer in New York City left something to be desired for Dave Levy. After three years of working in the law practice he started with his friend, Levy left the city and moved home to Connecticut. Levy now works as the Residence Education Coordinator for Arc and Stubbs residence halls.

"I loved New York but I hated being a lawyer," stated Levy. "I didn't want to get old practicing law. I moved to Connecticut and taught math and English at my old high school."

As a teacher, Levy enjoyed the interaction he had with students. However, he did not like that he could not hold students accountable for their actions.

"In high school there is so much parental involvement in the students lives," said Levy. "This is good and bad. Because of that, the students were not held responsible for their actions, the parents were."

Levy realized that he wanted a career in education and was sure high school was not the right place for him. He approached the career center staff at his alma mater, The University of Connecticut for advice.

"Basically I went into the career center and told them I wanted a career in education,"

explained Levy. "They suggested I look into jobs within university student affairs."

That piece of advice brought Levy to Longwood. Even though his professional background was not in student affairs, Longwood's former Director of Residential Life, Mike Clements believed that Levy's diverse experiences would be a great asset to the university.

"The university thought my experiences would bring a new perspective to the residence education coordinator position," stated Levy. "I think it is good to have a group of REC's with diverse backgrounds working for the students."

Levy says he truly loves his job even though he initially

found it difficult to be taken seriously.

Levy supervises over 400 hundred students, with an overwhelmingly female population. Ten sororities are housed in Stubbs residence hall.

"I have the best job in the world," said Levy. "Each day I try to create solutions and get help from other people."

With such a passion for helping others and commitment to his job, Levy says he would like to create more opportunities for leadership in the residence halls. He believes the future of residential life will be shaped by the actions of current students.

"A lot of times the residential life staff may not know what students want and need," said

Levy. "I would like to see students challenge us and each other kindly. Students should come forward with suggestions and be willing to work to get them accomplished."

Levy also wants to promote a certain level of respect among faculty, staff and students. He believes that respect and open communication are the keys to positive change.

"If people want to be respected they must be able to give it both ways," explained Levy. "If you give respect you will receive it in return."

When Levy is not talking to residents and advising organizations, he enjoys working out at The Gym, sleeping and playing poker.

WRITING LAB HOURS

The Writing Lab is located in Room 154 in the Information Commons of the Greenwood Library, offering FREE assistance to students to enhance their writing skills.

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Wednesday	7-9 pm
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Friday	3-5 pm

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Contact: Dr. Chrys Kosarchyn @ 395-2543

Find Your Summer Internship Now

Obtaining the perfect internship means networking and not procrastinating

Ashley Dow
Staff Writer

Beginning in the fall 2002 semester, all new students to Longwood were required to complete a one-credit internship to satisfy goal 15 of the general education requirements.

The purpose of this requirement is to enable students to apply coursework in a professional setting. Most academic majors require students to complete a three-credit internship.

Gaining professional experience before graduation is an excellent way to enhance a resume and further discover career interests.

However, gaining an internship in your desired field can be a time consuming task. The key to finding the internship that is best for you is to start researching early.

If you are planning to participate in an internship this summer, you should have already researched and contacted several companies and organizations with whom you would like to intern. By initiating contact early, you send the message to the company or organization that you are serious about working for them and have a pro-

active attitude.

Most companies and organizations receive loads of resumes, letters of interest and calls from college students each spring who are seeking internships. The earlier your resume is on the desk of the company's internship coordinator, the better your chances are of landing the internship.

If you have not started to look for your summer internship you need to start as soon as possible. Ask your friends and family if they or anyone they know is working in your professional field of interest. Networking is one of the best ways to find an internship.

Meredith Carr, a junior majoring in English and Communication Studies, worked as an intern at NASA Langley's Office of Public Affairs in Hampton, Virginia during the summer of 2004. She heard about her internship through a family member.

"My father saw a flyer at work advertising a NASA internship opportunity," said Carr. "He sent me the link to the internship site and I applied."

Professors, career center counselors and alumni can also be an invaluable resource when

searching for an internship. Professors can provide you with guidance on what to look for in an internship employer. The career center can assist you in your search and provide guidance in resume and cover letter writing. Alumni often contact the school with internship openings for Longwood students. Recent graduates can offer great advice on the job outlook in your chosen career field.

Senior marketing major, Sarah Robertson, used the career resources available to her through the College of Business and Economics to secure her internship during the summer of 2004 with Nordstrom department stores.

"I heard about the Nordstrom Internship Program through Mr. Dame, the internship director for the College of Business and Economics," explained Robertson. "I then researched the company online to see if their program offered hands-on experience in different areas of the business."

Internships are also posted on company and organization websites.

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However, it is important to understand that internships posted on-line, receive a huge response. Do not rely on websites to gain an internship or you might be left empty handed.

When you contact a company, organization, friend, family member, professor or alumni to provide you with an internship, you should have a detailed description of what you would like to gain from your internship experience. This can help the person you are contacting determine whether or not they can meet your needs and you can meet theirs. If the first person you contact cannot offer you an internship don't get discouraged. You may have to contact ten people before you receive your desired response.

Junior Brooke Lineberry is seeking a summer internship in communications. She began her search early this semester by researching prospective employers.

"I have learned that you really

need to research the company when you contact them for an internship," said Lineberry. "When I left a voice message with a potential internship employer, I congratulated the company on recent awards they had won. The company returned my call."

To truly impress those you contact, your resume, cover letter and portfolio if required, should be impeccable. This means that there should be no grammatical or typing mistakes on your resume or cover letter. Your portfolio should showcase a few samples of your best work from academic classes or previous jobs.

If you have yet to find a summer internship, take time over spring break to research and contact companies and organizations in your geographic area about possible internship opportunities.

For more information and internship resources check out the Longwood's career center website www.longwood.edu/career.

Raising Awareness, One in Four Group Speaks to Students About Sexual Assault

Tracy Agnew
Staff Writer

On Monday, March 7, 2005, six members of One in Four, a men's sexual assault awareness group, presented to Longwood students at 7 p.m. in the Lankford Ballroom.

The program was sponsored by Students Advocating a Fearless Environment (S.A.F.E.).

The group, which was started by concerned students at the University of Virginia, is now a widely recognized presentation group, traveling to colleges and universities around the country to present their program on sexual assault awareness.

The group is made up of male students from UVA, many of whom have experienced helping a sister, a girlfriend or other female friend who had been sexually assaulted.

The group takes their name from the sobering statistic that

one in four college-aged women has survived rape or sexual assault since their fourteenth birthday.

The men in One in Four presented a video from the Portland, Oregon Police Department, which featured an officer doing empathy training for victims of sexual assault or rape with other members of the department.

It was described by members of One in Four as the most important part of the presentation.

One in Four also presented definitions of sexual assault and rape, how to help a victim who has confided in you and conducted a question-and-answer section.

"This is a program designed for men to give them the basic tools to help a victim of sexual assault," said Thomas Broeker, "A lot of us guys got into the

group because a girl we knew was sexually assaulted and we didn't know how to help her. Sexual assault and rape is not something men like to talk about."

In 2004, Longwood University Police received two reports of forcible sex offenses.

That number, however, does not reflect crimes that were not reported to the Longwood Police Department.

One in Four has recently presented at Florida International University and Wake Forest University.

Within the University of Virginia, they present to their fraternities and athletic teams.

They now also have chapters at the College of William and Mary and James Madison University.

"We're just a bunch of average guys," said Broeker. "We're only trying to make a difference, not change the world."

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Lancer Basketball Comes to a Close in 2004-2005

John Rosenstock
Staff Writer

Longwood jumped head-first into Division I college basketball this year. With 30 Division I opponents, including top-25 teams Illinois, Cincinnati, and Wake Forest, the Lancers played a long, grueling season that rivaled many established, upper-echelon programs' schedules.

Although the season seemed very dismal and unexciting for basketball fans at Longwood, there were some positive aspects of the '05-'06 campaign.

"A major highlight of this year was beating a Division I opponent for the first time," noted third-year assistant coach Bill Reinson. "Playing well against Illinois and Cincinnati, as well as getting exposure to the university across the country were some other highlights for this year."

The team did struggle for the majority of the season. However, the exposure Reinson referred to was big for the school. The team opened up the season in New York City for the Columbia Classic. They then hosted Radford and Quinnipiac before hopping back on the road to play

nearby rival Hampden-Sydney, William and Mary, and Howard. After coming back to play a pair of games at home against Hofstra and VMI, the squad flew across the country to play in the Northwestern Mutual Shootout in San Francisco, California.

Glory at last. After losing 11 straight games, four of which were 10 points or less, Longwood defeated Howard 75-69 in Farmville on December 18th. Unfortunately, the next home game for the Lancers would not be until over a month later, January 29th against South Carolina State. The Las Vegas Classic stood in front of the young team before they return home. The tournament provided for some incredible competition, as the Lancers faced the No. 1 team in the land, the Fighting Illini of Illinois. Playing in front of a crowd of approximately 16,000, Longwood battled, and with nine minutes remaining, it was a mere eight-point lead for the nation's top team. Illinois pulled away and ended up winning the contest 105-79. They also played tough against No. 17 (at the time) Cincinnati, but the

Bearcats came out with the victory, 95-69.

Close losses plagued the Lancers the entire year, as the team finished with 11 defeats that were within 10 points. They took VMI and Quinnipiac to overtime, fell to James Madison by just two points, and lost a pair of heart-breakers at home to S.C. State (71-65), and the season finale versus Utah Valley State (54-50).

"It takes 40 minutes of solid basketball to win at this level," commented Reinson. "It often comes down to the last couple of minutes."

The good news is that Longwood basketball is optimistic about the uphill climb to Division I, and they understand it will be a formidable challenge to be a competitive program in the nation's premier level of college basketball. The team had one of the youngest squads in America, with no seniors, one junior, eight sophomores, and five freshmen. Zero players graduating is a huge plus, and the team hopes to add two or three players for next year.

"We're in the process of

recruiting right now," said Reinson. "We plan to get a few new guys to come in and contribute right away, as well as push the ones we have right now."

There is no question that this year's season was very disappointing for Lancer fans. It almost seemed fitting that visiting Utah Valley State snag the last game of year from Longwood in the last few, desperate minutes of the year.

However, as said before, the program is optimistic.

"There is nowhere to go but up," commented Reinson. "As our players get older they'll learn more about playing at this level and become experienced competitors."

Look for the Lancers to not only compete in 2005-2006, but possibly pull out a respectable number of wins against Division I foes.

Lancer Spirit on Brink of Non-Existence

Caitlin Dinnen
Staff Writer

Spirit on campus is in short supply this year. As a student, I believe that the transition to Division I would make the school booming with Lancer pride. With our student-athletes out there facing opponents such as Wake Forest, Longwood Students should be pumped about making this huge change.

Lancer athletics has jumped into the big league to face newer and tougher competition. However, the overall support of this transition has not been reciprocated by students with leaps and bounds. Lancer spirit has rarely been extremely visible, mostly during spirit week this past October that culminated with the much beloved Oktoberfest festivities.

It seems that when spirit has been planned out for students they enjoy partaking in it. Unfortunately, when it comes to individual spirit we seem to be lacking.

As a spirited person myself I am here to inform you of some things that are incentives as to why you should be a more spirited person on campus. Or if you are the spirited type here are some reasons to continue your spirited ways and influence those around you!

If you have not taken the time to go and show support for fellow Longwood students now is the time to step it up a notch and show them that you appreciate them representing Longwood in the rocking way they are! Being a student-athlete is not all it's cracked up to be. Endless hours of practice while

maintaining grades is more than most could handle, yet these students are willing to do it. Go to the next home game and show your Lancers that you are proud to be a Lancer too.

When it comes to spirit it comes in all shapes and forms. You may be the type who loves to paint your face, or you might be the poster holder at sporting events. Whichever you choose, even the smallest spirit adds to the feel of any event. If for no other reason, go out there to let loose and be a different person than you would ever normally be. It's such a freedom to go crazy with spirit cause you can blame it on your love of this school.

If you are the person who needs an organization to make you excited about something I have good news for you. An organization called the Lancer Spirit Squad is starting up in the near future. There will be an interest meeting sooner than you can imagine. The Spirit Squad is being set-up to encourage spirit on the campus. This group hopes to promote and encourage students to go out there and show their support for all Lancer organizations.

So from one Longwood student to the rest of my fellow students, I charge you to challenge yourself and step it up in the spirit department. All it takes is one person to put themselves out there for others to want to follow. Be the one to take the first step and watch as the campus begins to bleed blue and white!

Lancers Lose to Wolverines in Season Finale

John Rosenstock
Staff Writer

The Longwood University basketball team entered their 31st and final game of the season against Utah Valley State on Wednesday March 2, hopeful for one last taste of victory. An excited and encouraging crowd welcomed the visiting Wolverines, after all, the school was looking for just its second win of the season. The Lancers had not won since Howard came to Farmville on December 18, falling to LU 75-69.

The game started off well for Longwood, as they led 8-7 four minutes into the contest. At about the 14 minute mark, sophomore Husein Pistoljevic nailed a three-pointer to extend the Lancer lead to six points, 15-9.

The Wolverines boast one of the best players in college basketball, senior guard Ronnie Price. Price was averaging 24.8 points per game entering the match-up, however, good man-to-man

defense held Price to minimal scoring throughout the game. He had just six points at the seven minute mark, and Longwood maintained a 24-18 lead.

However, other players such as junior guard Sylvester Allison started to get hot for the Wolverines. UV State halted Longwood's momentum, and eliminated the deficit. After a three-pointer from Allison, the score was tied 26-26 with two minutes remaining in the first half.

The game turned very sloppy and there were numerous turnovers on both ends of the court. It looked as if the game would go into halftime tied up, but Allison threw up a desperate jump shot at the buzzer that banked in, giving the visiting team a 28-26 lead at intermission.

Things were still looking pretty good for the Lancers, however. Six players scored for Longwood in the opening half,

and they seemed to be in control of the ball and their emotions in the team's last game of the year. Ironically, both teams shot an identical 12-34 (35.3%) from the floor after 20 minutes of play.

It was a slow start to the second half, and after just under five minutes of play, the Wolverines led 34-29. Things started to look up for the Lancers, as UV State went cold and the home team took a one point lead with 10 minutes remaining, 35-34. The scoring was still very spread out for Longwood, as they, nor UV State, had no players in double-digits.

The Wolverines' Allison changed that, drilling a three-pointer and a lay-up in consecutive possessions. That got the visitors fired up and they went on an 8-0 run to take a 42-35 lead with 6:50 remaining.

The Lancers bounced back, however, as Jefferson drove hard

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Weekly Trivia

Including this season, how many consecutive winning have the women's basketball team had?

Last Week's Question:
Who currently leads the Lancers in homeruns?
Charlie Yarbrough



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Childress Named D-I Independent Player of the week

Sports Information

Longwood University sophomore Tyler Childress has been selected as this week's NCAA Division I Independent Baseball Player of the Week. Childress hit .556 (5-9) during two games last week, including a grand slam home run, scoring three runs with four RBI. The second-year catcher led the Lancers (4-14) to a 10-6 win past Towson University March 6 with his 3-4 effort at the plate, including a grand slam home run in the seventh inning to secure the home triumph.

For the season, Childress leads Longwood in batting with his .386 average (22-57), including six doubles, one triple, one home run, 13 RBI, a .579 slugging percentage, a .426 on-base percentage, and a .973 fielding percentage. He leads the team in batting average, doubles, triples, RBI, slugging, and on-base percentages.

COLUMN: Steroids in MLB are here to stay

Dan McDonnell
U-Wire

Steroids, Human Growth Hormone, Amphetamines, these are just a few of the performance enhancing drugs used by professional athletes, most notably baseball players.

Major League Baseball has recently started a testing policy for performance enhancing drugs. They claim that they are planning to clean up what is now considered to be somewhat of a dirty game. Big name players such as Barry Bonds, Jason Giambi, and Gary Sheffield have been linked to steroids over the last year or so (fitting that two of those names happen to be Yankees. Go Figure. Cheaters).

Major League Baseball is at an all-time high in popularity in the present. Fenway Park has already sold out nearly every game for the entire season, and Spring Training just started about a week ago. An entirely new fan base has gained interest in the sport. Baseball is once again becoming the biggest sport in the country.

The biggest reason for this new interest in the sport is the home run. After the players' strike in 1994, people lost interest in the sport. Then in 1998 the big home run chase between Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa happened. Who would catch Roger Maris' 61 home runs? Would they both surpass Maris? Who would pass him first? What will the new record be? The answers in order: both, yes, McGwire, 70 (which was eclipsed just a few years later by Bonds).

During and after the 1998 season, baseball became huge. Everyone was interested. Now today we have the steroids con-

troversy that is starting to shed light on a problem with the national pastime. More questions have come to the forefront.

How long have steroids been a part of baseball? Who exactly is using steroids? Will the game ever really be clean again? Was it ever really clean in the first place? Is Jose Canseco right with his accusations in his new book or is he just bitter towards a sport that he could have become a god in but wasted his time relying on steroids and weightlifting instead of actually perfecting his baseball skills (or lack thereof, see: blooper reel with Canseco giving up a home run off his head)?

Here's my own personal answers to those questions: A long time (at least 20 years), almost everyone, not a chance in hell, too hard to tell, and more truth than lies.

Canseco has thrown out a lot of names in his book. He has brought the issue to a new level. Now people are concerned as to how much of his book is factual. Personally I haven't read the book yet so I can't tell you exactly how I feel about it. From what I have heard through friends and ESPN, I think he's come pretty close to the truth.

Steroid use is running wild through baseball. People need to learn to accept that fact, because it is a fact. It's not just guys like Bonds and Giambi. It's also the

guys that you never hear about like a backup catcher for the Pirates who nobody even knows his name.

And I hate to break it to you all but steroids aren't going anywhere. The new testing policy is a sham. It's just a way for baseball to say that their athletes are clean. They'll test guys like Pokey Reese who no one would even expect to be on the juice. They'll punish a no name rookie that warms the bench for the Brewers just to say that MLB will not stand for steroid use.



Juicing or not, Barry Bonds has brought much to MLB recently.

Now why do I think steroids will stay in the game?

Like I already said, baseball's popularity is at an all-time high, and it's because of the home run. The home run has become one of, if not, the most exciting event in all of sports. Think of your own personal reaction when

Manny Ramirez or David Ortiz strolls up to the plate. You're on the edge of your seat.

Then at every swing and foul tip you're thinking, "ooh just missed that one, he's got the next one though." Then comes that next pitch and Ramirez connects sending the ball towards the Cask 'N Flagon. You're now jumping up and down giving high fives around the room to your friends.

And it's because of a home run. How often do you get that excited about a sacrifice bunt with no outs in the 8th inning? Unless you are a diehard baseball guy like me the answer is almost never.

Steroids will stay because they cause more home runs, which cause more interest in the game, which causes higher ratings, which inevitably means more money for Major League Baseball. More money for baseball means no true banning of steroids. Bottom line.


But then again, seeing the ball clear the Green Monster isn't going to cause complaints. And again, would you rather see a home run or a sacrifice bunt? It's like that old commercial with Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine: "Chicks Dig the Long Ball."

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to the right side and scored just seconds after coming back from a timeout. The crowd sent out a thunderous roar after junior Chad Kosmo hit a lay-up to get Longwood within two around the four-minute mark. Unfortunately, that is as close as the team would get. UV State did not give in, and even after a buzzer beating three from

Pistoljevic, the Wolverines came out on top by four.

That was that. An exhausting season had come to a close. The 54-50 loss was hard-fought by the Lancers, and they deserve credit for giving it their all in the losing effort. Look in next week's issue for a men's basketball season wrap-up, and let's all look forward to the 2005-2006 season.



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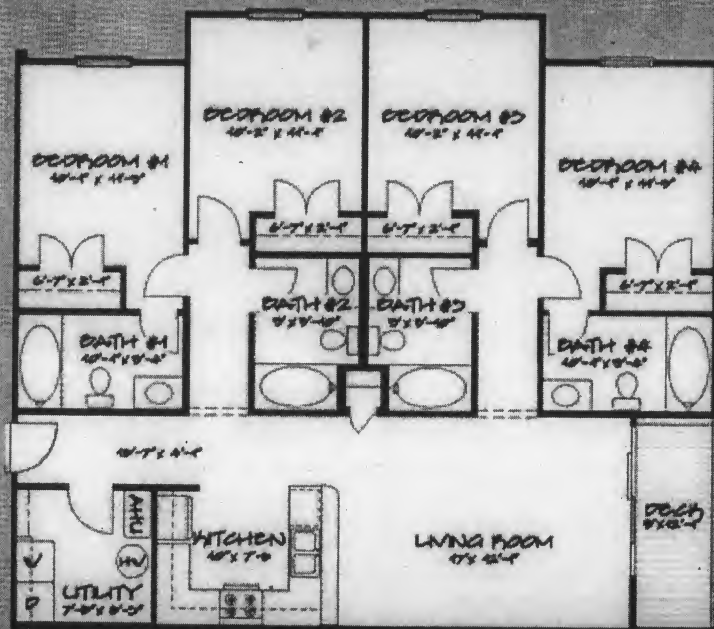
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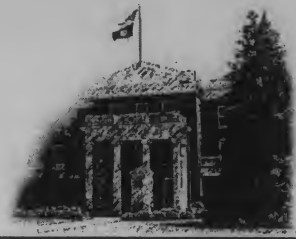
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SGA Election Results

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SGA President

Kristen Casalenuovo

SGA Vice President

There will be a run-off election between Tiffany Rice and Daniel Wray

SGA Treasurer

Scott Krogh

SGA Secretary

Stefanie Mancuso

SGA Senators

Chelsea Cunningham

Sara Qualkinbush

Ashley Bilbo

Kathryn Holl

Jon Miller

Greg Zawistowski

Ashley Theado

Brian Raska

Jacob Stetson

Ryan Halpin

See Blackboard for complete election results...

SGA "Misunderstanding" Causes Stir among Candidates

Kyle Martin
Staff Writer

Although the elections for the Student Government Association (SGA) and class positions are now over, the campaign process for the elections turned into a week highlighted by controversy, rumors, and loose interpretations of procedure.

"...there was an incident on Brock Commons on Thursday (March 24) involving both the candidates for SGA executive president and [both of the candidates for] senior class president," current SGA Treasurer Andy Peterson said.

As a result, the campaign privileges of SGA executive presidential candidate Steven Jones and senior class presidential candidate were suspended.

"I think that because of this incident a lot of people are going to choose not to vote at all and it damaged not only the reputation of the candidates, but the SGA as well," SGA

executive presidential candidate Kristen Casalenuovo said.

Casalenuovo felt fellow candidate Steven Jones and Craig Smith interfered with her planned rally.

"Craig and Steven decided to campaign in front of mine and [Stefanie Seniws] scheduled rally Thursday afternoon," Casalenuovo said. She planned to have a d.j. perform at her rally between the Student Union and the Doral Dining Hall, but Smith arrived at the event with a megaphone.

"Craig knew we were rallying, so Craig and Steve decided to hold a counter-rally in front of ours. Considering our rally didn't go as scheduled, Craig had the upper hand with the megaphone." She continued, "We asked Craig and Steve to leave. They refused because they said it was public space."

Smith, however, has a different view of what occurred. "It can be misconstrued that we showed up at their political party to crash the rally. We showed up

and [Seniw, senior class president candidate] asked me to move from their spot," Smith claimed.

"Thursday was a loosely organized campaign event for us. We weren't having anything to the effect we had on Monday, so I did not consider Thursday's actions to be a rally," Smith said. On March 21, Smith held an approved rally on the stairs of Brock Commons featuring music and a d.j.

According to Casalenuovo, the actions of Smith and Jones attracted current SGA President Alicia Moody, and Elections Chair Amber Mader to view the scene outside.

"We didn't witness the event, but we saw what was going on and we had a meeting to discuss what was going on," Mader said.

Last Thursday's meeting between the candidates, Mader, and SGA Senator Scott Kroghs, according to Smith, was held to determine the definition of a rally.

"We got a dictionary and we thought it was ambiguous," Smith said. As explained in the current SGA Constitution, there is no definition of the term rally, only the process of notification for a rally.

Under the current constitution, "All organizations or candidates organizing official election rallies and/or debates must notify the Elections and Regulations Chair at least 48 hours before the event."

"At no time were there charges being turned in at the time of the meeting," Smith said.

According to Mader, at 8:41 p.m. last Thursday, the campaign privileges for Smith and Jones were suspended, but the candidates were still allowed to run for their respective offices.

Mader adds, "I made the decision to suspend all campaigning after talking with Alicia Moody to see what was best."

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Longwood Students Lose Home to Fire

Kelly Fischer & Stacey Kluttz
Staff Writers

In the early hours of Saturday morning, March 26, 2005, a fire demolished the house of Longwood students Jake Krekorian, Todd Sturgill, and Paul Schinkel.

The fire destroyed the house but harmed no one. The cause of the fire has not yet been determined.

The sole person occupying the house at the time of the fire was Sturgill, a senior at Longwood University and a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity.

"I was talking to my mom on the phone and heard the smoke detector going off," Sturgill said. "I went downstairs and saw smoke coming from Jake's room. I then ran back upstairs to put on some pants and shoes, then

grabbed the fire extinguisher and kicked Jake's door open to begin spraying the extinguisher."

As Sturgill escaped, he watched as his home disintegrated. "I was thinking, oh ****, hurry up Farmville fire department."

Sturgill has lived in the house for two

semesters and said that the house has been there since the early 1900s.

The students have received assistance from the school and community.

"We lost everything, every

earthly possession plus a band's worth of equipment, drum set,

paying for our utilities."

The landlord is also lending a hand according to Sturgill. "He said that if we need anything to call him."

The Longwood community has helped them with the necessities that people take for granted like an alarm clock and a radio, for example.

Schinkel, who came home to the damage, said, "We really appreciate everyone helping us out. The first couple of days were kind of shock and depression that we lost everything but by Easter night, I started to realize that it could have happened at any other time, especially when all of us were there, without a fire alarm since we only just installed it a month ago."

In order to help the students, necessities may be dropped off at Stanley Park, 204 G.



The remains of the house where Jake Krekorian, Todd Sturgill and Paul Schinkel reside.
Photo by Stacey Kluttz

etc.," Sturgill said. "Jake lost all of his artwork so he has no portfolio to get a job. Luckily we all have insurance, USAA. Also, the school has helped us move into Stanley Park and is

Schiavo Case: How Can Anyone Be So Selfish?



Terri Schiavo and her current situation.

We have listened to testimony from her husband, from her parents, from what seems like millions of doctors and "experts" and even from the Reverend Jesse Jackson.

And of course we can't forget the government's never-ending involvement.

It seems like everyone has an opinion, and everyone wants to be heard. Yes, many people think that the case is being over-publicized, over-analyzed and overdone.

But I too have an opinion, and

Everyone in America, and probably everyone in surrounding countries, has heard of

I suppose I am no different than everyone involved in this case who demands to be heard.

Too be completely honest and open, I just want to say to everyone who is fighting to keep her alive, how selfish can a person be?

The fight for "Terri Schiavo's life" isn't about Terri Schiavo and what is best for her. It's about the self-centeredness of human nature, masqueraded in the form of her parents.

Everyone knows the case by now, so I am not going to waste anyone's time by rehashing the events of the past couple weeks. But seriously, that poor girl.

FIFTEEN YEARS. She has "lived" as a vegetable, with only a little more than half her brain, and without the ability to move, communicate, think or even feel pain.

I understand keeping her

alive for a couple years. Getting second opinions, exploring possible options and experimenting with new medications is completely understandable. For a couple years.

But we are talking more than a decade. For 15 years, the body of Schiavo has been kept functional by machines and feeding tubes that supply her with just enough nutrition to keep her heart beating and her blood circulating. What is enough?

I have grave sympathy for Michael Schiavo in his desperate attempts to do his wife justice and let her finally be in peace. I can relate to his situation, although not nearly to the same degree.

This past fall my grandmother, who lived with my family and who I loved dearly, fell, causing bleeding in her brain.

She hadn't had major health problems that would cause her to pass any time soon; she fell in a freak accident that left her a vegetable.

My family and I listened to the doctors as they explained her situation and the diagnosis that she would never recover from being anything more than a vegetable.

We got second, third and fourth opinions and we all listened to the same thing over and over again: she didn't even have enough brain waves to feel pain.

After the most difficult decision my family has ever had to make, we decided what was best for my grandma, what was truly in HER best interest, and not ours, was to let her go. She wouldn't want to "live" like this, and we didn't want to be the selfish ones to hold on to her for our own sake.

I've been there, so have my parents, and even though it wasn't what was best for us emotionally, it was what was best for her. If you really and truly love someone, you have to know when to let go.

Looking back at that experience, I think to myself, how can her parents do this? How could her husband put up with it for as long as he did?

Can you really, truly love someone if you are able to let him or her suffer for 15 years, knowing that that is not what he or she wanted?

This "fight for life," better known as the current three-ring circus, has strayed away from protecting the rights of a suffering human being and has turned into a battle between the government and the husband versus the parents.

Every time I turn on the television, I just want to scream, if you love her, let her go! Don't you want to remember her as your happy, healthy beautiful daughter and not the sick, dying, non-

responsive vegetable she had been for 15 years?

I want to yell; don't you want your daughter to be remembered by her family, her friends and the public as a person full of life and love? I have to resist the urge to scream: now, thanks to your selfish actions your daughter will be remembered as nothing but a court case.

Way to go.

I don't mean to sound too incredibly harsh. I know that this position is a horrible one to be in, no matter who you are or how publicized your case is. But the facts don't change. The poor girl has been in a vegetative state, with no hope of recovering, for 15 years.

Her husband has been unable to move on his life because he won't remarry in fear of losing custody over her situation. Her friends have to stand by and watch her be a vegetable, not the girl they remember.

I know it's hard, but stop being selfish. Let her body go, her soul has been gone for 15 years.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to February 24th "Hollywood Needs to Stop Forcing Agendas"

Whiners have shaped America and whining is what we do best. Sure, at times this whining can become annoying, but we must discuss our opinions.

I guess I can assume with our anonymous writer that most of these Hollywood Stars seem to be liberal, and I do agree that they have a lot of influence over the masses, but this does not mean that they take advantage of First Amendment.

By the nature of amendment you cannot abuse it.

Watching a commercial about

food can make me hungry and Thomas Paine's pamphlets can help move people to revolt.

But this is not abuse.

I also cannot agree with our writer that, "they are only enraging people who disagree with them."

We all have a choice to be enraged.

No one can make you be angry.

This is true no matter how difficult or personal the argument and no matter how much power the arguer has, whether it's King George or a Hollywood Star.

It is hard to not be affected by the many images that get thrown at us by the media.

With this right of free speech comes a huge responsibility to the citizen, a responsibility which soci-

ety has forgotten about.

We must think about what we hear and what we listen to and we must also be able to filter this very confusing stuff and communicate about it.

I am glad that our writer was not wearing a pacifier.

His or her writing has gotten me to think a little.

I thought so much about it that I decided to take my pacifier out to write about it.

-John Gilbert

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How Hard is it to be a Vegetarian in Today's World?

Maneet Kaur
UWire

Whether it is for living a healthier lifestyle or moral reasons, many people decide either to become vegetarians or have never eaten meat in their entire lives.

I decided I would not eat meat Feb. 10 because of personal reasons.

My cousin had to give it up for health reasons, and I wanted to give him moral support so we could go through it together.

His vegetarian lifestyle became a semi-vegetarian lifestyle due to the rare vegetarian food varieties. I have often felt the need to break my diet due to the same reasons but have held strong.

It seems so much more difficult to give up meat if you have already eaten it. People who have never eaten meat there entire lives have made their bodies accustomed to not eating meat, but I am Punjabi.

The Punjabi culture is known for eating lots of meat, so while I grew up, my dad would force me to eat meat because he did not want me to become weak.

He gave up meat many years ago and has been able to stick to it, yet he still wanted me not to stop eating meat.

He even used to cut up the chicken for me. Ironically my grandmother has supported me throughout all of this.

When I look at my family now, about half of them are vegetarians.

So a lot has changed over the years because all of them used to

eat meat, and now either they have cut it down or stopped completely.

The reason why so many people fold on vegetarianism is because it is so rare to find a variety of vegetarian food.

I visit Club Busch every day because I am a first-year student, and we are forced to buy a meal plan we all know we will never finish.

And they wonder why the "freshman 15" hits.

Normally the only thing to eat for a vegetarian is one soup, pizza, a sandwich, salad or cereal.

harder to be a vegetarian when I am at home.

I went out with my cousins, and the only place to eat was McDonald's. Both of my cousins had something involving chicken, I looked at the combos three times, and even the salads had chicken in them.

There are NO vegetarian combos. I ordered a salad without chicken. Oh how filling it was.

Not to mention the fries. It is a crime to go to McDonald's and not buy fries -- that has been brainwashed into my head thanks to Ray and his partners the McDonald brothers. Old McDonald's farm

has come a long way to incorporate salads, so I guess I should be thankful for that much.

Before salads, there was nothing.

Don't get me wrong, I do not mean to completely bash McDonald's.

McDonald's at least supports the Ronald McDonald House, which is amazing. It helps the families of ill children by giving them a place to stay when their loved ones are receiving treatment in near by hospitals.

Another ironic thing is that it is the same cousin who originally gave up meat who was aided by the Ronald McDonald house.

But back to vegetarianism; it is a lifestyle choice that requires an incredible amount of resistance, and people who are vegetarians should be given credit.

So I would like to honor all of those "leaf eaters" out there who have witheld the temptation to make life easier and just eat meat.

It probably doesn't mean much, but I congratulate you.

Now that seems okay, but think about having this variety on a daily basis for two to three meals a day. It becomes repulsive.

The sad thing is that I find it

Guide to Vegetarianism



Tasty



Not Tasty

Props and Drops

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Props:

- + To warm sunny days.
- + To alternate movie endings.
- + To Cheesy Poofs.
- + To watching movies at work.
- + To The Mars Volta blowing up. (figuratively)
- + To little girls jumping into mud puddles.
- + To Justin Dorsk for rocking our world.

Drops:

- To professors not over-riding people into classes they need to graduate.
- To Longwood turning into a bog when it rains.
- To non-stop slander from SGA candidates.
- To dying cell phones.

Speak Out

Should fast food companies be responsible for what they serve?



No, it's the customer's decision. They should know what they're eating.
- Kristin McRae
sophomore

No, they shouldn't. Fast food companies just serve the customers
- Stan Schoppe
Junior



If you get big, it's your own fault. If people are allowed to sue fast food companies, then I'll have to pay more for fast food.
- John Miller
Senior

I think what you eat is your own choice, but I also think that having healthy options at fast food restaurants is a good idea.
- Tiffany Rice
Senior



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Longwood University to Host 20th Anniversary Relay For Life

Naomi Pearson
Staff Writer

Their goal is to cure cancer, one step at a time. More than twenty teams comprised of mostly Longwood students plan to walk in the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life on Friday, April 8. The twelve-hour overnight event raises money for research and programs in the fight against cancer and celebrates survivors of the disease.

Most individuals and groups take part by organizing themselves into teams, so that during the Relay there will always be at least one member on the track throughout the night, as well as to facilitate fundraising efforts.

Some of the funds raised come from sponsorships-businesses, organizations or individuals who donate outright in support of the walkers. Others collect donations for such things as car washes or baked goods. Because the American Cancer Society (ACS) is a non-profit organization, those raising money can only suggest donation amounts rather than set a specific price. As of last

Thursday, March 24, a little more than \$2855 has been turned in, only about one-fourth of the \$12,000 goal.

The kick-off begins at 6:00 PM with a reception for cancer survivors. ACS staff member Lori Crowe, a former Longwood employee and Relay For Life advisor, herself a cancer survivor, is the scheduled speaker.

Last-minute registration ends at 7:00 PM, when the Relay itself begins. The luminaria ceremony to honor survivors and in memory of those who have passed on will be at 9:00 PM.

The Relay ends at 7:00 AM, followed by breakfast for the participants.

Numerous bands are performing at the event along with various other entertainment and educational programs taking place throughout the night. The track itself will be centered behind the Lankford Student Union.

All members of the Longwood community are invited to participate. "You can hear stories of lives changed by programs funded by Relay For Life," said Amanda Jones, this year's



www.bbhsd.org

Relay chairperson and a junior at Longwood. She went on to say that anyone can join in the Relay, make donations, volunteer or just come to support the walkers, because after all, "everyone is affected by cancer in some way." Longwood numbers several cancer survivors among its students and staff.

To register, contact Meredith Carr at 434-395-4074 or mlcarr@longwood.edu. The \$10 registration fee may be paid by cash or check. Donations can be made through the Relay For Life at Longwood website. <http://www.acsevents.org/relay/va/longwoodu>.

Longwood hosts the only Relay For Life event in Prince Edward County. It is a non-smoking, alcohol-free event. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Relay For Life.

Unnatural Selection

Kyle Castillo
Staff Writer

The first tear begins its decent, leaving only the residue of a life that was supposed to be. Melissa's love overshadowed any understanding of how a defective gene could determine the health of her unborn child. Willing to sacrifice her own life if it meant saving a child who's face was only visible when looking within her own heart, from the burden of living a life with Cystic Fibrosis.

The random assembly of genes allows for millions of children to be born with disabilities, leaving some with shortened lives and others with a hindered ability to experience the full spectrum of life.

On March 24th guest speaker Ronald Bailey, who is the Science correspondent for Reason magazine, gave his vision of a day when such naturally occurring atrocities can be forecasted and avoided.

We stand now on the verge of being engulfed by what Bailey labels the, "bio-tech era." A time in which the possibilities for genetic human improvement are bound only by the dogma society places upon the science's ability to evolve.

"The most inspiring thing about biotech would be to drastically improve human health and longevity, possibly even offering the option of immortality. I see that being in the cards and would suspect that we would be able to do that before the end of the century" Bailey says.

Many fear what will come from man playing the role of God. Bailey states that members of both the left and right wing have moral qualms with the direction this technology might lead society. One fear is that the ability to select the aesthetic and physiological characteristics of a child will give way to a new breed of racism and further perpetuate the division of the social classes. But Bailey refutes such claims saying, "Inequality is inscribed on the human genome."

Bailey makes no attempt to disguise his liberal vantage point when discussing the ethics of biotechnology. When discussing the United States government's current bio-conservative policies,

such as the March 17th Congressional vote to make research on both therapeutic and reproductive cloning illegal, Bailey states, "People will become prisoners of decisions if we deny them the possibility to better themselves."

Bailey believes that, "The line is to not do anything that can make a diminished human being." One such possible violation of this moral code is the creation of trans-humans. The ability to merge human genes with those of an animal is a realistic possibility, but one that Bailey claims is, "completely immoral."

Yet the desire to improve upon animals, especially pets, will surely give rise to an ethical dilemma in the near future. A dog is already man's best friend, so imagine having the ability to have a lucid conversation with him.

"The FOXP2 gene was discovered to be the gene that allows for human speech. All primates have this gene; ours varies from the chimpanzees by two base pairs. Would it be ethical to try and replace their genes with a human gene? There would need to be a lot of thinking about that. First off because the gene is not only about articulate speech, but it also directs and orchestrates a lot of the developments of the brain in the early stages of life."

There is no disputing that the advancement of biotechnology provides endless possibilities. The ability to know and fix the long-term health risks of a child, as well as to improve upon the limitations set in place by random genetic sequencing, inspires some to hope and others to fear that humans will become robots programmed to live a destiny that they never had control of. Bailey claims that this fear is irrational, because humans even now have a pre-programmed genetic makeup.

"Individual brains, not individual genes, are what make us... Genes are at the mercy of our brains."

With a new dawn on the horizon the ethical debate over bio-engineering is sure to radiate as intensely as the sun itself.

Attention Class of 2005:

During your time at Longwood University, who are the people who support you the most? Now that graduation is fast approaching, take a minute to think about those people. They could include your friends, your professors, your parents, etc. Wouldn't you like to say thanks for all they've done for you?

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Calendar

For the Week of April 1 - 7

Friday the 1st

Saturday the 2nd

Sunday the 3rd

Monday the 4th

Wednesday the 6th

Women's Lacrosse vs.
Canisus
2 p.m.

Movie: Meet the Fockers
Lankford ABC Rooms
7:30 p.m.

Jason DeShaw performs
in Lancer Cafe
10 p.m.

Men's Baseball vs.
George Mason (2)
1 p.m.

Come play Family Feud
in
Lankford Ballroom
9pm

Women's Lacrosse vs
Manhattan
12 p.m.

WMLU radio elections
9 p.m.

Poet E. Ethelbert Miller
will read in Wygal at
8 p.m.

Happy Birthday
Laura! I Janet loves you!

Men's Baseball vs.
Appalachian State
3 p.m.

Wendy's Night Out!
support the American
Cancer Society

"The American Cancer Society Relay for Life represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day cancer will be eliminated," www.cancer.org.

This year, Relay for Life will take place here at Longwood University, April 8-9, 2005. Teams from both Longwood and Hampden-Sydney will walk and raise money to help find the cure for cancer and to raise awareness of cancer prevention and treatment. 15 organizations have already signed up to participate in this event. If you would like to participate please contact the team relations coordinator at mlcarr@longwood.edu.

Do you like helping others? Do people come to you for advice? Do you want to make a difference on campus and in the community? If so, the Peer Helpers are now accepting applications for next semester.

If interested, applications can be picked up outside the Peer Helper office in the Student Union or just email PHelpers@longwood.edu for more information!

Tongue in Cheek

By: Ellie Woodruff



Things I like to see: The Rofunda

Upcoming Workshops & Presentations :

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Resumes

Career Corner

Presentations/Info Sessions:

April 5 6 p.m.	Career Center	Fining and Internship
April 6 7 p.m.	Career Center	Graduate & Professional School Admissions
April 13 4 p.m.	Career Center	Resume & Cover Letter Writing
April 13 5 pm	Career Center	How to Ace Your Interviews

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Richmond Police Department - Monday, April 18th
Dominion Resources - Wednesday, April 20th
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Carpe Diem

As I begrudgingly returned to Virginia after serving witness to the campfire, mean boy and cheese-cake I knew things would—could never be the same. And how could they? I finally received my revival with a mere accent, bourbon and the girl with the cousin.

The memories of rugby songs in bars, mother on a mechanical bull and scars from cobblestones would only make me long for those few precious days, and leave me with one thing I could ascertain: I now know there is nothing more ridiculous than a Lanatee on River Street.

By: Janet Jones

Movie Review: "Lonestar State of Mind"

Lisa Martin
Staff Writer

A small town in Bennett, Texas sets the scene for 88 minutes of chaos and mishaps in "Lone Star State of Mind."

The film begins with the robbery of a pizza deliveryman who turns out to be a drug dealer.

Tinker (Ryan Hurst) and Junior (DJ Qualls) rob the pizza deliveryman with maxi pads stuck to their faces. From the robbery they get \$20,000 in cash and a duffle bag full of cocaine.

Once Earl Crest (Joshua Jackson) hears about Tinker and Junior's findings, he tries to get Junior to do the right thing and return the drugs and money before the drug dealers come after him.

Earl is dating Junior's cousin and his identical stepsister, Baby (Jaime King), who is ready to move away from Bennett to L.A. to become a Soap Opera actress.

Carl and Baby's parent got married after the two had been dating.

Earl takes Junior to Tinker's trailer and they get the drugs and money back, and Earl hides it until the drug dealers come looking for it.

While trying to save Junior's behind, Earl gets shot by Tinker, loses his own money that he had been saving to move to L.A. with Baby and has to deal with two sets of drug dealers.

In the middle of all the chaos he has to stop Junior's limbs from being cut off for spending part of the drug money.

Tinker knows a guy he met in prison, and gets him to act like the drug dealers, so that Earl will give them the drugs and money.

When the real drug dealers come looking for their drugs and money, Earl has to steal them back to save their lives.

This movie is a dark comedy and is full of laughter and has some action scenes. It also has a little romance, but not enough to make it a chick flick.

This movie could be enjoyed by anyone, especially those from a small town because they could possibly relate to the life that folks in Bennett, TX are living.



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This film also has two other names: "Coyboys and Idiots" and "Road to Hell."

Movie Review: Constantine

Ricky Jennings
Staff Writer

Constantine entered into this world with a gift he did not want, the ability to recognize the half-breed angels and demons that walk the earth in human form.

The two main half-breed characters are the angel Gabriel, who most know from stories in the Bible, and the demon Barabas, who was the murdering thief who was set free just before Jesus' crucifixion as also mentioned in the bible.

John Constantine, played by Keanu Reeves, is driven to take his own life to escape the constant tormenting of his visions. But he failed. Resurrected against his will by the devil, he found himself pushed back into the land of the living.

His soul is now marked with an attempted suicide which delivers certain damnation after his death.

He only sits on earth with a temporary lease on life to patrol the terrestrial border between heaven and hell, hoping desperately to earn his way back to salvation

by sending the devil's minions back to the depths.

He is consumed by the world around him and at odds with the



one beyond.

He's a hard-drinking, hard-living bitter hero who scorns the very idea of heroism.

Constantine fights for the lives of those around him, but he does it at the cost of his own soul. His motivations are selfish which leave him without a guarantee from God of his salvation and his forgiveness.

A desperate but skeptical police detective, Angela Dodson, who is

played by Rachel Weisz, enlists his help in solving the unexpected and unusual death of her mentally hospitalized twin sister, who is also played by Weisz. Their investigation takes them through the realms of demons and angels that exist just beneath the existence of modern Los Angeles.

Caught in a catastrophic series of otherworldly duals between forces of heaven and hell, the two become involved and seek to find their own peace on this world at whatever cost.

This movie is definitely worth the money and the drive to the theater. It is a movie that should be on everyone's must-see or must-buy list.

Anyone who wants to see a movie that is going to keep on the edge of your seat as well as make you jump from time to time throughout the film.

The only problem with the movie is the slow development of some of the characters, which at the beginning may bring confusion to the viewer as the film unfolds.

The Longwood University Department of Music presented Music for Clarinets

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Staff Writer

The Longwood University Department of Music presented Music for Clarinets on Tuesday, March 29, 2005, at 7:30 p.m. The featured musicians included David Niethamer, Jared Davis, Albert Regni and Ralph Skiano, who all reside in Richmond, Virginia.

Niethamer currently teaches Clarinet and jazz history at Longwood, Davis is the 2d and E-flat clarinetist for the Richmond Symphony.

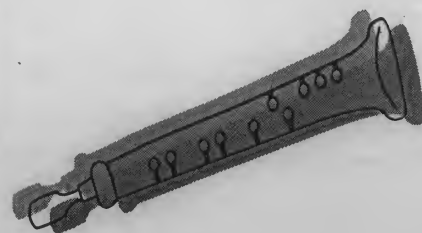
Skiano is the Principal Clarinet for the Richmond Symphony, and Regni teaches woodwinds at Virginia Commonwealth University.

The music styles featured in Tuesday's program include: Beethoven, Hungarian folk music and contemporary North American and Latin American sounds.

There are two upcoming concerts, which are both to be held in Wygal's Molnar Recital Hall. The first is Friday, April 1, at 7:30 p.m., which will feature a guest voice recital by Melanie Melcher.

On Tuesday, April 5, also at 7:30 p.m., there will be a faculty recital featuring Dr. Chris Gassler playing selected trombone pieces.

For information about becoming a Patron of Chamber Music at Longwood, please call 434.395.2504 or 434.395.2495.



Simkins Lecturer Spoke About Race Relations In Prince Edward County

William & Mary Professor, Dr. Melvin Patrick Ely, talked about pre-Civil War racial history.

Megan McAbee
Staff Writer

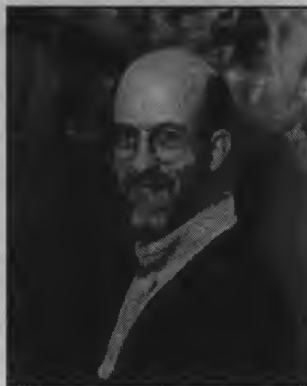
Dr. Melvin Patrick Ely, a professor at the College of William & Mary and author of *Israel on The Appomattox*, a critically acclaimed book about free African-Americans here in Prince Edward County, gave a Simkins lecture on the subject at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9 in the Wygal Auditorium.

The professor of history and black studies at William & Mary, spoke on 'Black-White Intimacy in Prince Edward County Before The Civil War.' What was perceived as the most-moving remark made throughout the night invoked many responses throughout the audience and was widely received - and although Ely was referring to the time before the Civil War - it is still fitting for 2005 in Prince Edward County and Longwood University.

While referring to the intimacy between both races Ely stated, "Love can leap over the color

line." And ended the lecture by saying, "although there were differences between both the free-blacks and superior-whites, the differences were historically downplayed throughout this time period."

Ely discovered the idea for the book, *Israel on The Appomattox*, in the 1980's, while looking through his seventh grade History of Virginia textbook and discovered that it contained only one sentence referring to Richard Randolph. The sentence read, "Randolph had freed his slaves and granted them land in a place called Israel Hill," said Ely. Israel Hill was located just two-miles west of modern-day downtown Farmville. The Israel Hill community existed well into the 1920's and before the Civil War housed at any given time at



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"Whites and blacks equally conducted business, sued each other, drank together, lived together, and had intimate relationships throughout the years before the Civil War,"

—Dr. Melvin Patrick Ely

least 150 free African-Americans. Ely mentioned a man named Booker Jackson. Jackson called Israel Hill his home during this

time period and records show that he was the wealthiest freed-slave. He made a profession by being a cobbler and records show he owned two or three of his own slaves. When Jackson died his white friends laid him to rest in the "white cemetery."

At that time it was named The Farmville Cemetery. Today it is named Westview Cemetery and is located next to the shopping center that houses Kroger and Roses in Prince Edward County.

Ely specifically spoke about the "intimacy and interaction between blacks and whites in Prince Edward County" before the Civil War throughout his lecture. Ely mentioned many instances that he found when researching that referred to free-blacks working and living with whites.

"Whites and blacks equally con-

ducted business, sued each other, drank together, lived together, and had intimate relationships throughout the years before the Civil War," Ely said. One important example in Prince Edward's history is that The Farmville Baptist Church was founded in 1836 by whites and blacks. Together the two different groups joined and started the church.

Ely spoke as part of a series of two Simkins lectures given each year. Chosen prominent scholars lecture in honor of the late Dr. Francis Butler Simkins (1897-1966). Simkins taught history at Longwood for almost 40 years and was viewed by most as an important scholar in the field of Southern History. Simkins was also known for often taking controversial stances on important issues throughout his life.

Ely's lecture was co-sponsored by The Department of History, Political Science, and Philosophy.

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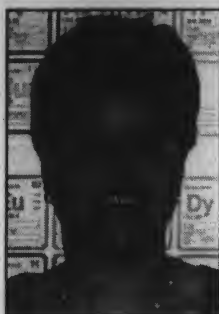


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Ashley Dow
Longwood Public Relations

Like most Natural Sciences professors, Dr. Melissa Rhoten is anxiously awaiting the day she can teach in the new science building.

As an Assistant Professor of Chemistry and area coordinator, Rhoten is busy preparing her department to move into the

state-of-the-art facility this summer.

"The building is going to have labs that will bring us into the 21st century," said Rhoten.

"These labs will enable us to be more creative in classes and have dedicated research space."

Rhoten has always had an interest in science.

After graduating from L.C. Bird High School in Chesterfield, she went to James Madison University.

Rhoten studied chemistry there and focused on going to medical school.

However, her plans changed with one assignment.

"I really thought I wanted to go to medical school and become a doctor," stated Rhoten. "But after doing a research project early in college, I realized I wanted to focus on a career in research."

As faculty adviser for the Chemistry Club, Rhoten has dedicated a lot of time to pro-

viding students with opportunities to present their research and help others learn more about chemistry.

"The club is trying to incorporate chemistry into community events," stated Rhoten. "In February club members volunteered with a local Boy Scouts troop to help the boys get their science badge."

Recently, Rhoten and two student members of the chemistry club presented posters on their original research at the American Chemical Society Conference in San Diego.

Rhoten presented findings on

chemically modified electrodes.

Electrodes are pieces of metal that conduct electricity.

She plans to continue researching electrodes.

Rhoten says she really enjoys working with students in the Chemistry Club and in classes.

Each year she gets to know many freshman chemistry majors.

However, she feels that even though many students have a real interest in the subject they don't realize what it means to study.

"Students have to study more than the night before an exam,"

explained Rhoten. "All chemistry courses build on one another. Everything students are exposed to will show up in other classes."

Rhoten has been at Longwood since 2000. She received her Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Rhoten is married to her high school sweetheart and lives in Amelia.

She enjoys participating in water sports and playing racquetball.

She is a dedicated NASCAR, New York Yankees and Indianapolis Colts fan.

Health Center Accuracy A Concern

Hope Hollenbeck
Staff Writer

Students are concerned about the accuracy of the care the Health and Wellness Center provides.

Accounts of students have ranged from being told they were most likely pregnant (although they were not sexually active) to having their illness brushed off as something minute when, in fact, they were in the beginning stages of something quite serious.

Most cases have resulted in students seeking help from health care professionals in their hometown as opposed to local care.

While the intention of the health center is to help students, some students have been unsatisfied with their services. "They assume everyone is pregnant, has an STD or mono," says Lindsey Kleinschmit.

Kleinschmit said that the health center's biggest fault is their ability to make assumptions that lead to improper care and treatment for illnesses.

According to Kleinschmit, she was treated for something she did not have without proper testing.

She went home to seek care from a family doctor, to find out she had a health issue that was

not what she was being treated for.

Pam Higgins, Family Nurse Practitioner and Director of the Student Health and Wellness Center, says this type of concern happens at least every 3-4 years, often after a student goes home and the diagnosis they get from their doctor contradicts the health center.

Higgins says there are ways that the STD chlamydia, which is the most common, can be misdiagnosed.

The problem is that chlamydia "can mimic other things," says Higgins. Symptoms of chlamydia include burning urine, bleeding and spotting, which are symptomatic of a urinary tract infection.

"Chlamydia and urinary tract infections are the two most commonly confused; unfortunately there is not a good test for chlamydia that is under \$100," according to Higgins.

Higgins says it is often cheaper to treat than to screen for diseases in cases where symptoms are the same.

In a similar case, junior Beth Martin was told she had a rash and a virus when she visited the health center her sophomore year.

After going home to her doctor, she found out she instead

had poison ivy and bronchitis.

Her doctor prescribed the proper medication and she was fine within a few days.

"All they had to do was prescribe the Z-Pack, but because they didn't I just became sicker," said Martin. Martin visited the health center again this fall "and they gave me the medicine I needed, I was surprised," said Martin.

However, she is still hesitant to seek help from the center and instead goes to her hospital at home.

A further complaint from Martin is the hoops you sometimes have to jump through to obtain an appointment.

"I was sick with a temperature, I couldn't sleep, go to class or anything and they still wouldn't give me an appointment," said Martin frustrated.

Martin was denied an appointment despite calling right at opening and told her she could not be fit in for another day.

However, things changed when Martin's mother called.

They said they could see her right away.

Students are taken on an appointment basis only, made by calling in or in person.

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The method used to notify Smith of the decision left him displeased. Due to the e-mail, Smith and Jones took further action by reading their e-mails in their Friday classes, according to Casalenuovo.

Last Friday, a meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. to make changes concerning the current SGA Constitution outlines for elections. Krogh, Mader, and Dr. Laura Bayless, according to Peterson, "...introduced some new rules that they can't enforce because the campaign rules are in the constitution. In order to ensure fairness, they asked the candidates to honor the new rules on good faith."

The new rules introduced a definition of rally as well as consequences for violating the election code. Also, as a result of last Friday's meeting, campaigning was re-instated, according to Peterson.

Almost common with any political arena, rumors have spread among the student body concerning last week's events. One such rumor alleged Smith of filing a law suit against the

school and Mader for the decision to remove his campaign privileges.

Smith acknowledged that he has used a lawyer to investigate the matter, but that he has not filed a suit. "I felt I was being railroaded and threatened...It was basically a gag order against me and it also made me accountable for the actions of others. But most importantly, it disadvantaged me because I could not campaign," Smith said.

Regardless of the outcome, Mader recognizes future decisions might prevent such an incident from happening. "As of right now, myself and Scott Krogh are working on amending the constitution to eliminate confusion because there are so many loopholes in the constitution and there's no section about consequences for breaking the election code," Mader said. "We hope to have that amended before the end of the semester or put in place before next year's elections in hopes to prevent what has happened this and previous years from happening again."

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Students are asked what the reason for the appointment is to assess the "acuity level", or how time-based the illness is. At the appointment, an RN or assistant may take the vitals and, if needed, pregnancy and strep tests can be done.

All tests are done confidentially and results are never given over the phone. "It's a privacy right...If we didn't do it that way, students would be afraid to come," says Higgins.

To foster a positive relationship between students and the health center, there is a student advisory board, referred to as Student Health Partners. These students typically seek a future in health care. They conduct surveys and notify the health center on which student health issues should be focused on.

If anyone would like to learn more about the Student Health and Wellness Center or have any questions or concerns, please contact Pam Higgins at: higginspe@longwood.edu.

Greek Life Diversity on Longwood's Campus

Sarah-Tyler Moore
Staff Writer

It's an unintentional secret that Longwood is the home of four black sororities and two black fraternities.

A secret that the sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Zeta Phi Beta, and Sigma Gamma Rho shouted out for Women's History Month.

Dedication and compassion poured out of Audrey Henderson's (Zeta Phi Beta) song about her sorority's founding, as paused several times to speak the audience and flash a smile. It was also apparent in Melanie Bundick's (Sigma Gamma Rho) step dance she managed to execute perfectly while simultaneously shouting out her organization's roots.

These unconventional approaches showed the women's recognition for the determination that was exerted and opposi-

tion that was overcome for the sororities to exist. They're proud of their sisterhood's accomplishments. Nearly a century ago other passionate, pioneering women laid the groundwork for Black sororities nation-wide:

Alpha Kappa Alpha

Alpha Kappa Alpha was founded in 1908 at Howard University, and is the first Greek-letter organization chartered by Black women in the U.S.

Over 170,000 women worldwide are sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha.

Delta Sigma Theta

Because of Alpha Kappa Alpha's efforts, in 1913 at Howard University, Delta Sigma Theta was formed.

The founders participated in a march on Washington D.C. for women's suffrage. Today, the sorority has 23 chapters.

Zeta Phi Beta

Also founded at Howard University (in 1920), Zeta Phi

Beta was the first sorority to be constitutionally bound to a fraternity (Phi Beta Sigma).

The organization believes that every woman regardless of "regardless of race, creed, or color, who has high standards and principles, a good scholarly average and an active interest in all things that she undertakes to accomplish," can be a Zeta.

Sigma Gamma Rho

Sigma Gamma Rho differs

pus. Sigma Gamma Rho's motto is "greater service, greater progress."

Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Zeta Phi Beta, and Sigma Gamma Rho as well as the two Black fraternities Alpha Phi Alpha and Phi Beta Sigma, are all part of the National Panhellenic Council (NPHC), founded in 1930.

The NPHC is a governing body that works to ensure unanimity of thought and action, while simultaneously encouraging individual identities. NPHC's main objective is advancing their message of unprejudiced service.

"I don't think anybody's hesitant to accept diversity-black, white, whatever you just want them to accept what your organization is about," said Justin Wilkes, Alpha Phi Alpha senior and president of NPHC on campus.

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- Justin Wilkes

from the other sororities in that it was founded exclusively by teachers.

Five female educators helped create the organization's charter at Butler University in 1929. It was also the first black sorority on a predominantly white cam-

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Baseball Splits Series With Indiana Hoosiers; 1 - 1

Brian McCullough Limits Number One Offense in Big Ten to Just Three Hits

Steve Reeves
Staff Writer

Longwood's victory in the second game of Saturday's match up was considered by Coach Buddy Bolding to be "the biggest win in the history of the program.

"This win is the most vital win for where we are going. I'm very proud of my kids, and I told them to enjoy every moment of it," said Bolding.

The Lancers (8-17) split a two-game series this past Saturday with visiting Indiana University, marking the first time in school history that Longwood has competed against a Big Ten school. Led by Bob Morgan in his 22nd year as head coach, The Hoosiers took the first of two with a 10-4 victory, utilizing right hander Josh Lewis on the mound. The open-

er kicked off with Indiana outfielder Reggie Watson showcasing his ability at the plate.

The leadoff Watson singled and then stole second, and was later advanced to third on a grounder. Watson scored a few minutes later, putting Indiana up 1-0 in just the first inning. The Hoosiers saw offense from Joe Kemp, and infielder Jay Brant, as well as a handful of others. Kemp, Brant, and Watson combined to see 14 at bats and record eight hits from those at bat. Scoring a combined five out of the 10 posted runs, Kemp, Brant and Watson held a distinct presence throughout the duration of the first game.

The second game win was proof for Bolding that Longwood is heading in the right

direction in their re-classification to Division I athletics. "It's a great step for the program," said Bolding, who has spent the past 26 years developing the Longwood Baseball program. The final installment of the double-header last Saturday featured sophomore standout Brain McCullough on the mound for his Longwood Lancers. McCullough, who is classified as a right handed sidearm pitcher, was able to get his curve, change-up and fastball working well. Having solidified a high degree of confidence in his pitching, McCullough takes pride in throwing the heat. "My fastball is probably the best pitch I have," he said.

On offense, outfielder Matt Duval led Longwood, posting

three hits, one RBI and one run. His first at bat of the shortened, seven inning game, Duval sent a screaming low drive to startled southpaw pitcher Brad Davidson, as if to send a message early. Teammate McCullough tipped his hat to Duval, saying that "he played very well today."

Chris Balus, Tyler Ames, and Nick Von Gersdoff also scored for the Lancers, securing a 4-1 lead after the top of the 7th, when the boys from Bloomington got retired quickly, now 13-5 in their 2005 campaign.

Right fielder Louis Ulrich, designated hitter Charlie Yarbrough who crushed a solo shot almost into the road during the first game, second baseman

Danny McCraw, and first baseman Travis Lydon, were all able to post hits for Longwood. The ease at which the Lancers hit off of Davidson eventually required a pitching change, decided on by Hoosier's Head Coach Bob Morgan. Morgan put the ball in four different pitcher's hands throughout the duration of the game. Right hander Joe Trucchio was called from the bullpen who later gave the game ball to be thrown by lefty Clint Crosier. Finally Chris McCombs was called in to finish off the top of the 6th inning, but by that time Longwood had furthered their lead to 4-1, clinching the victory at Lancer Stadium.

The Lancers play host to Appalachian State on Wednesday, April sixth at 3 p.m.

Women's Golf Finishes Third at William and Mary Invitational; Hicks Claims Top Prize

John Rosenstock
Staff Writer

Junior Stephanie Hicks is becoming accustomed to the winners circle in women's collegiate golf.

Hicks claimed first place her freshman year at the Tusculum/Agnes McAmis Memorial and tied for first at the Pat Bradley Invitational as a sophomore. Coming into the William and Mary Invitational, Hicks had finished in the top-five in the last four events, but had not broken through for a victory. The third year team member was due for a win, and it came after impressive rounds of 73 and 70.

"I had a good feeling coming into this tournament because I finished the last tournament with a one-under par round of 71, and I am really feeling confident with my putting," commented Hicks, who added, "I also knew my parents and grandparents were going to be there, and I always have good feelings when they are watching."

The two day event in James City, Virginia went well for the rest of the team as well. Finishing third out of the 14 teams in a strong field is a great

accomplishment for the program. Senior Tiffany Woodyer posted rounds of 78 and 77 to place 10th and help the Lancers finish 12 shots ahead of the fourth place team, Elon University.

"As a team we did ok. I think we all know that we can do better in certain areas but overall it was a good tournament finish," said Hicks.

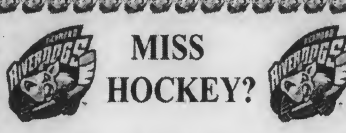
The remaining three golfers played solid golf at the competition. Senior Amanda Diamond finished in the top-25, shooting 82-80 for a 162 total. Fellow Senior Tucker McCarthy posted rounds of 84-82 for a 166 total which was good for 41st place. The lone freshmen on the team, Petra Nystrom completed the event with rounds of 87-88, totaling for 175 strokes and tie for 68th place, respectively.

With nine events down and one to go, the Lancers have high expectations for the season finale at the UNC-Wilmington Invitational. The team captured first place as a team in the Elon Intercollegiate in the fall and are looking for a spring victory to complement their triumph in

September.

"As a team I think we should be contenders for a top position," commented Hicks. When asked what her thoughts were going into the tournament individually after winning at William and Mary, she said, "I'm just going to go out there and play one shot at a time and see what happens, that's all you can do with this silly game."

The UNC-Wilmington Invitational will be played April 4-5 in Wilmington, NC, and will mark the conclusion of the 2004-2005 season for the Longwood women's golf team.



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Weekly Trivia

What are the dimensions of Lancer Stadium?

Last Week's Question:
How many consecutive winning seasons have the women's basketball team had?
12

Lancer Lacrosse Downs #20 William & Mary "Together" Longwood Stuns the Tribe With 9-8 Victory

Kyle Martin
Staff Writer

"Together," yelled the lacrosse team as they broke their pre-game huddle before hosting the #20 ranked Tribe of William & Mary (W & M) under the lights of Lancer field this past Tuesday.

Longwood utilized their strong teamwork to defeat The Tribe and gave head coach Janet Grubbs a significant victory. "In my Longwood career, it's the biggest win," Grubbs said.

The Lancers got the upper hand in the match at the 6:07 mark on sophomore attacker Kathleen Barry's goal past junior goalie Debby Petracca. "Getting the lead is always helpful for momentum. To stay with a team like this is even more motivating for us," senior attacker Isa Chohen said.

Three minutes later, W & M sophomore attacker Jamie Fitzgerald fought back and fed the pass in front of the net to junior attacker Laura Nolan to tie the match 1-1.

A Tribe turnover gave the Lancers the chance to once again seize the lead and match the pace of W & M as junior attacker Jenn Shipp beat Petracca unassisted, giving Longwood the 2-1 edge with 20:54 to play. A Cohen score gave Longwood a two-goal lead, but W & M's Colleen Dalon netted a goal past junior goalkeeper Emily Wilson at 13:48 for a 3-2 score.

With 5:21 left in the half, The Tribe tied the game at 4-4, but sophomore midfielder Kara Parker gave them their first lead of the contest with 3:59 remaining.

William and Mary missed a valuable chance to gain a two-goal lead at 27:47 when Wilson shoved an opposing player. The penalty gave The Tribe's Dalon an open net shot, which she missed wide left.

After the miss, Longwood recovered the ball and Cohen netted her second goal of the half with 1:16 left, creating a 5-5 tie at

halftime.

Although the contest was heated, Cohen admits the intermission talk was calm. "[Grubbs] was cool at halftime," Cohen said.

One of Grubbs' concerns at the break was draw control. "We were not getting the draw at center," Grubbs said. In the first half, W & M won eight draws to Longwood's three.

With both teams locked in a dead heat, the second half proved to be a grudge match between the well-known and the unknown.

Unlike the opening period, The Tribe reached the scoreboard first with senior midfielder Morgan Watkins blasting the ball past Wilson on the left side of the net at the 4:07 mark. W & M continued to press and gained a 7-5 edge with 18:13 to play.

"William & Mary still hadn't gained the momentum, so we just kept playing on ours," Grubbs mentioned.

Although behind, the Lancers mounted a comeback sparked by the play of sophomore midfielder Cathleen Strain and sophomore midfielder Sophie Dress. With 15:08 left in the game, Dress advanced the ball, and made the running pass to Strain for a catch-and-shoot goal.

As the game progressed, the level of physical contact heightened between the teams and altered the outcome of the contest.

Back-to-back yellow card penalties gave Longwood the chance to tie the game and Dress notched the score with 13:33 to play for a 7-7 match.

The Lancers completed the comeback at the 19:55 mark with Cohen's game-high third score to take the lead for the first time in the half.

After gaining the lead, Coach Grubbs relied on a planned strategy to keep the advantage. The Lancers continued to drive in Tribe territory, but drained time on the clock by passing the ball

around instead of attacking the net.

With 4:08 remaining, Longwood pulled off an amazing acrobatic play to increase the lead. Cohen, who had the ball behind the net, launched a fast pass to Strain who dived in front of the net and hurled the ball past Petracca for Longwood's final score.

"Cathleen will lay her entire body on every play. It was good vision on Isa's part to recognize the give-and-go," Grubbs stated. "It's something they've been practicing, and it was good to get that."

W & M quickly responded, and scored in less than a minute for a 9-8 game. However, the stingy Lancer defense and play of goalie Wilson helped the Lancers hang on for the upset victory.

"The whole premise of this team this game was together. We don't have the skill to do this individually, but the synergy when they work together is unbeatable," Grubbs said.

"This is probably the best win we've ever had," Wilson said. "I think we can play with any of the top-20 teams."

In the contest, Cohen led Longwood and netted three goals with Strain adding two scores. Wilson faced 25 shots and recorded nine saves in the victory.

The Tribe was led by Dalon and Nolan who each scored two goals.

Petracca recorded six saves and faced 17 shots.

The win improves Longwood to 5-1 and drops #20 William & Mary to 3-5 on the season. The Lancers will host Canisius on Friday at 2:00 p.m. and Manhattan at noon Sunday. "I'll probably be looking to my subs to carry more of the weight," Grubbs said.

With the historic win complete, Grubbs said, "It's going to help our reputation tremendously and I don't think anybody's going to sell us short."

Meldere and Mason Honored Two Lancers Earn D-I All-Indep. Honors

Sports Information

Longwood University women's basketball senior Marita Meldere has been named to the 2005 Division I All-Independent First-Team, while junior Ashley Mason earned 2005 Division I All-Independent Honorable

Mention. Texas A&M-Corpus Christi's Terra Andrews (15.8 points) was chosen as Player of the Year, TAMUCC's Jackie Ododa (10.3 rebounds) was Defensive Player of the Year, IPFW's Johnna Lewis-Carlisle (9.8 points) was Newcomer of the Year and Texas A&M-Corpus Christi's Jodi Kest (23-6) was Coach of the Year.

Meldere, a 6-0 forward/center, finished the year averaging a double-double of 13.4 points and 11.7 rebounds per game. She also added a team-leading 24 blocks, along with 48 steals and 39 assists. She finished the season with 13 double-doubles, scored in double-figure points in 21 out of LU's 28 contests and had 17 double-digit rebounding games. Meldere ended the season with 328 rebounds and 1,240 total to become the first women's basketball player in Longwood's history to grab over 1,000 rebounds. She also became the third leading scorer in Lancer history with 1,552 after finishing the season with 376. She led the team in scoring 12 times and in rebounding all games except for four. Meldere scored a season-high 26 points and grabbed 11 rebounds against Southern VA. Her season-high boards was 19; grabbed three different times (Norfolk St., IPFW, Savannah St.).

Meldere was named to the Lancer Invitational All-

Tournament Team after averaging 15.0 points and 11.5 rebounds over two games. She also earned UNC Wilmington All-Tournament Team honors after averaging 14.0 points and 18.0 rebounds over two contests.

"I think that Marita earning this accolade is a real exciting thing to cap off her career," said 22nd year head coach Shirley Duncan. "She certainly deserves this recognition and for it to occur during our transition to NCAA Division I makes it even more special."

Mason, a 5-10 forward, averaged 12.0 points, 6.4 rebounds, 1.6 steals and 1.5 assists while shooting a team-best 54.3% (114-210) from the field, including 29.0% (9-31) on three-pointers, and 72.7% (64-88) from the free throw line. She had season-highs of 30 points (vs. IPFW), 15 rebounds (vs. Texas A&M-Corpus Christi) and six assists (vs. Norfolk State). Mason scored in double-figure points in 17 games and had three double-doubles (12p, 11r at UNC Asheville; 17p, 15r at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi; 20p, 14r vs. Norfolk St.).

"It's an honor for Ashley to be recognized for her play this season by the Independent NCAA Division I institutions across the country," stated Duncan. "She is an outstanding competitor who will not be denied when playing inside. She can add this to her selection as a member of the All-Academic Team as selected by the same group, and this honor caps off an outstanding season for Ashley."

Longwood finished the 2004-05 campaign with a 15-13 overall record.

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Standing water on Brock Commons being dealt with.
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Esteemed Poet at Longwood

On Monday, April 4, 2005 E. Ethelbert Miller came to speak at Longwood University for this year's last Author Series reading.

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Lacrosse Rolls Past Canisius, Manhattan; falls to George Washington

Women's Lacrosse beat Canisius and Manhattan, but they lost to George Washington.

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Inspiring Speaker Wraps Up Women's History Month Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow, Anita Perez Furguson, visits Longwood's campus

Kelly Fischer
Staff Writer

A bright and inspiring speaker came to Longwood's campus to wrap up Women's History month and speak about women in leadership roles. Anita Perez Furguson, speaker, trainer, and author, visited campus last Thursday as a Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow for the week and spoke Thursday night, about her recent book, "Women Seen and Heard."

As the audience entered the room prior to the lecture, Furguson displayed great compassion for her listeners and introduced herself to each person that walked in. Assistant Professor of History Larissa Smith introduced Furguson and told the audience of her diverse background. She has worked with the National Women's Political Caucus, has worked with the Inter-American Foundation, the White House,

the Democratic National Committee and now serves on the board of directors at Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

The lecture proved to be an in depth discussion of her most recent book about women in leadership roles.

Ferguson was enthusiastic and visual with her hands while she spoke and discussed attitude in detail. She pointed out how it is important to make a difference and include more voices in decision-making, especially women.

Ferguson performed two exercises for the audience to participate in. The first was to look

around the room and find two people who looked alike. When this task was unable to be fulfilled,

she explained that it was because no one is the same and meant that we are all unique and have different views and voices.

The second example required the audience to stand and act as voters and Ferguson was pretending to run for President of the United States. She had different sections sit down to represent those

that can't vote, don't vote, forget to vote; etc. and left one section standing containing Dr. Patricia Cormier and several other faculty plus a couple of students. The point was to discuss whom people campaign to and who votes

in the political world. Ferguson's premise was to get more women to be decision makers, stand, vote, etc. One other point is to learn how to use your voice to communicate and respond and not intimidate.

Ferguson ended the lecture with some words of wisdom for her audience. She made a statement that was a concern from her book, encouraging us to set the sail so that everyone's voice is heard and everyone reaches their destination.

Afterwards, Ferguson entertained questions and then proceeded to the reception in the hall where the Longwood Bookstore had provided some books for signing and some desserts and coffee.

For more information on current topics, visit www.aauw.com and to get more women involved at earlier ages, research Girls Incorporated, for young girls age seven and up.



Anita Perez Furguson
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Blackboard Cause of SGA Voting Trouble

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Staff Writer

With elections ending a mere week ago there has been some discrepancy about the actual results. Rumors are going around faster than the flu last semester, and it has everyone talking. Rumors ranging from, "I heard they have to re-do the entire election" to "Well, I heard they only need to re-do the Presidency" are finally settling down enough for the air to be cleared.

Amber Mader, the SGA Elections Chair, has been working with this problematic election non-stop since early last week. Mader who has been the Elections Chair for the past three years says this was the

worst one yet. According to Mader the "old Blackboard" was very dependable and the newer version is nothing but problems. Some "hiccups," as Mader referred to them as, were that the system would erase votes and that students had the ability to vote multiple times.

When students voted more than once it would just replace the previous ballot, according to Mader. "For right now, we have to have a run-off for SGA Vice-President," says Mader, "and we might have to do one for SGA President and class of 2008 President." According to Mader, Blackboard and its tallying has a tendency to round-down or to round-up.

These run-offs are to ensure that the proper tally of votes is

done. According to the SGA constitution, a winner is declared when they have received 51 percent of the vote. Due to Blackboard and the rounding system, the votes could possibly be as close as 50.99 percent.

Mader has been informed, Longwood should be getting a newer version of Black Board that, in the future, will tell us the exact number of votes, instead of percentages. According to Mader, this will simplify the system greatly. "People will want a simpler system," says Mader, "51 percent is 51 percent."

In response to events that occurred last week Mader and Scott Krogh, SGA Treasurer, have been working to adjust the election standards. According

to Mader, there are just too many loop holes and they are working to prevent things like that from happening in the future. Mader and Krogh are working on defining more terms in the election rules so that no one can go outside of them.

This year's election resembles one which took place about three years ago between Billy Magyar and Mike Smith. According to Mader the winning candidate ended up leaving the school due to honor charges over incidents that occurred. "The candidates are very known all over campus," says Mader, "it's a hot race, I never thought it would get to this point."

Mader has looked over the

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Words From The Editor: Trip To Ny Offers Hope



Looking back on the past few days, I have to admit that never before has one city changed my life so drastically.

Thanks to the American Democracy Program and the support of the administration here at Longwood, I was able to go to New York City and attend a conference with The New York Times.

Not only did I get a wonderful opportunity to get a behind-the-scenes look at the paper, talk to The Times editors, meet other college-level editors and hear about the possible internships and job openings, but I also fell in love with a city.

I've been to New York before, but it was years ago and I

wasn't right in the middle of New York City. For the conference, I stayed at the Milford Plaza, which is right in times square, in the heart of Manhattan.

I could walk to the New York Times Building, it was only about 4 blocks from my apartment. I learned to hail a cab, to avoid eye contact with people you pass on the street and to never, even if the traffic seems clear, ever walk if the light says not to. I thought I was a bad driver, but I can't imagine the rate of car insurance in that city.

It was also a relief to be able to communicate with editors from other papers and listen to the problems that their publications face.

There are times that I sit at this computer screaming, wondering if we are the only staff on the face of the earth that has

to deal with the b.s. that we do. But guess what, we're not alone!

Surprisingly, as I was listening to others complain, there were actually a couple times I remember thinking, wow, and I thought we had it bad at home. There are no words to describe the wave of relief that washed over me. At times I felt like I was listening to some other staff member voicing my very own problems.

Living with the dream of being a journalist of a tier one paper all my life made the experience that much more surreal. As I was entering The Times building, showing my I.D. to security and being passed on through, I kept thinking, this can't be real. But it definitely was, and it was probably single-handedly the most inspiring moment of life.

Sitting in the conference, discussing the opportunities that The New York Times has to offer, I realized, this is what I'm going to do for the rest of my life. Then and there I decided that there was nothing else I would be happy with. I feel much better about graduating next December. I don't have to worry about what I want to do with the rest of my life. I know.

It might be challenging, but at least I don't have any doubts anymore.

This should be a glimmer of hope to all of you graduating this semester in the near future. Although you're probably terrified right now, doubting everything from your school choice to your major to what companies you applied to for jobs.

As a person who was in that same position until two days ago, take it from me, you will figure it out. It really does come out of nowhere.

I still have an entire semester after May, as well as a summer school session, so I wasn't even panicking too much. More or less it would only cross my mind at night, when my mind would wander and think about everything.

My point being that perhaps it is necessary to not think about it so much. Don't stress, don't worry just wait. Focus on the task at hand, do what you have to do until graduation. Somewhere in between the rushing around and the finishing up and the constant stress, everything will become clear. When you stop stressing it and let yourself breathe, when

you least expect it, you'll figure it all out.

I would like to completely change my train of thought and focus on the future of The Rotunda. First of all, I would like to say thank you to everyone who has worked so hard at making the transitions as smooth as possible.

I know that we have all had an intense past couple of months and for all of you who have stepped up and done what needed to be done, I am grateful from the bottom of my heart. We have done a damn fine job.

I would also like to take the opportunity to say that next week we will be holding elections for ed board positions for next semester. We are working very hard to improve the paper, and we are constantly looking for new members. Applications will be on The Rotunda office door. Just come by fill one out and bring it with you to the normal meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. I look forward to seeing you all there!

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

When I went to leave school this past Friday, I found that my car would not start.

I figured that my battery was dead, and I needed to find someone with jumper cables to get my car started.

So I called my roommate and had her find the campus police phone number.

I spoke with someone in campus police, told him where I was at, and he said someone would be there shortly.

He even told me to stay at my car so that they could find me.

So I sat there with my hood up, waiting.

One Longwood student stopped as she was leaving the parking lot to ask if I needed help.

I thanked her, and told her that I didn't because campus police was on their way to help me.

After about 45 minutes, no one had come, and many cars had passed.

When was my help coming?

The answer, they never came.

I got my car jumped by a gentlemen in a business suit who was entering the Congressman of Virgil Goode House.

He said that he always keeps jumper cables in his car and he had helped many Longwood students throughout the winter months.

When I told him that I had been waiting for campus police, he said he'd passed at least two on his way to the office.

There must have been a rash of crime at the time that I called the Longwood police office.

I'm not completely ditching Longwood police, I have needed their jumper cables in the Fall 2004 also.

The difference, I think, is that

the time I walked to the campus police office and asked for help directly, they were more willing to serve.

Did they think my car trouble was an April Fools' joke?

I am disappointed in campus police, they failed to help a Longwood student who needed them.

My parents are not too happy with them also.

Of course my situation was not an emergency, but I'm sure if my car had been parked in some place it should not have been, campus police would have swarmed to it in order to write me a parking ticket.

Longwood students should not have to depend on the kindness of strangers, even though it is much appreciated.

They should be able to depend on campus police.

That is what they are there for right?

-Lisa Martin

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Iran Stockpiling Weapons for Their War on Drugs

Sean Whitmore
U-WTRE

Iran is quietly building up a stockpile of high-tech conventional weapons, according to the Associated Press.

The country is buying everything it can get its hands on, including satellite tracking equipment, tanks and cruise missiles.

It is obtaining many of these weapons through a United Nations program to help underdeveloped nations fight drug trafficking within their borders.

Some weapons are obtained legally through legitimate nation-to-nation arms deals, while others are under the table.

This should no doubt be cause for alarm for Americans who have family members serving in Iraq.

After all, at the beginning of the Iraqi insurgency, there were several reports of hundreds of Iranians streaming across the border with military equipment into southern Iraq.

It is in the Iranians' best interest to keep Iraq as unstable as possible.

It's been known for some time that a large percentage of the insurgents in Iraq were foreigners.

Iran could very easily "allow" these weapons to fall into the hands of Iraqi insurgents, further destabilizing the Iraq situation.

If the prospect that nations were continuing to arm a known state-sponsor of terrorist groups was not bad enough, the arms are being sold to the Iranians by our European allies.

Iran stood against the Iraqi elections; it has supplied some of the most dangerous terrorist organizations in the world, and now is being armed by the United Nations and America's other European allies.

The Iranian government claim to have a legitimate need for the weaponry.

Iran is insisting it needs these high-tech weapons to combat Afghani drug-smugglers who use Iran as a highway to Europe.

According to Fox News, although the bulk of American narcotics come from Columbia, European drug dealers get their supplies from Afghanistan.

Iran expects the West to believe that with this new weaponry, which includes sniper rifles, artillery pieces and anti-ship missiles, will be used for drug enforcement.

Sounds like overkill doesn't it?

When was the last time you heard of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency taking out drug smugglers with a 105mm howitzer, or the Coast Guard taking out smugglers' speedboats with an anti-ship missile?

Iran has demonstrated that it cannot be trusted.

Its government has been illegally acquiring weapons for some time.

In 2001, the Ukrainian arms dealers sold Iran as many as 12 nuclear-capable cruise missiles.

Unfortunately, the United States has only recently learned of such deals, as the Ukrainian opposition movement has released several intelligence reports previously unavailable.

Iran is also pursuing a satellite network, funded by the United

Wouldn't that be convenient for Iranian intelligence?

Iran and the United States are by no means allies.

The fact that our allies are selling weapons to a nation that has publicly supported groups such as Hezbollah and Islamic Jihad is deplorable.

It is understandable that European nations would wish to curb the drug tides flowing into their streets, but arming a regime, which is at best hostile to the West, is morally reprehensible.

Two years ago, according to the Ayn Rand Institute, Iranians marched a missile through the streets under the banner "Israel must be wiped out."

The following year, a missile was marched through the streets under the banner: "We will crush America under our feet."

By arming Iran, The UN risks making the same mistakes the Cold War U.S. intelligence establishment made when it armed the Afghan Mujahidin resistance.

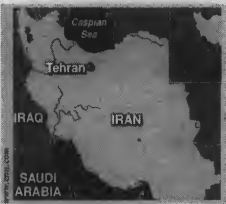
It's possible that a war with Iran is in the near future.

Continuing to arm a nation which seems to be defiantly pursuing nuclear weapons seems counterproductive.

Iran's chief delegate to the United Nations has dismissed President Bush's fears that Iran will use these weapons for purposes other than drug interdiction, as "a political stance not based on realities."

On the contrary, Bush acknowledges that Iran has a history of endangering innocent lives through weapons deals and that there is no reason to believe the Ayatollahs have changed their policies.

Europe should seriously consider Iran's history before giving it weapons that could be used not only against the United States, but also a U.N. coalition that might be forced to invade and remove Iranian nuclear capacities permanently.



Props and Drops

The Rotunda would like to encourage anyone and everyone to submit props and drops to rotunda@longwood.edu

Props:

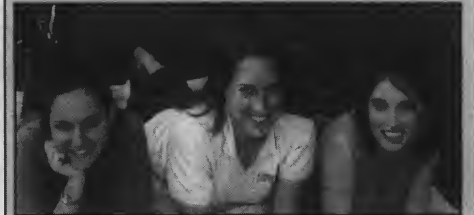
- + To warm weather here at last.
- + To Cherry Vanilla Dr. Pepper.
- + To people who feed the squirrels outside of the Hamms.
- + To taking a Lancer Day and going to the play ground to swing.
- + To The Sony PSP.

Drops:

- To Longwood getting rid of all our parking.
- To melted chocolate Easter bunnies.
- To no air conditioning in your dorm.
- To Dominos Pizza for screwing up our order on a regular basis.

Speak Out

What is your favorite thing to do on a warm spring day?



We like to enjoy the weather with all of our friends.

-Amanda Kregiel Junior -Jessie Paul Sophomore -Lindsey Rogers Sophomore

I like to walk through fields of flowers.

-Keith Lichliter Sophomore



I love to hang out with my friends outside and play frisbee!

-Katelyn Stillman Freshman



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Brock Commons Drainage Issues Being Addressed

Naomi Pearson
Staff Writer

Hop, skip and jump; splash, slog and wade - these are the options for traversing Brock Commons after a rain. Green areas become wetlands where the grass struggles to survive despite water-logged roots.

Before Brock Commons was built, all the rainwater flowed down the hills and into the Pine Street gutter drains. Now much of the run-off has no place to go. It collects in mud puddles and pools in what seems to be every corner of the Brock Commons lawns.

Visitors and students alike have made comments to this effect: all this money was spent for this project and it's underwater? Even the March 31st issue of the Rotunda offers one of it's drops, "To Longwood turning into a bog when it rains."

"Once, when I had to step off

the sidewalk," sophomore Amanda Duck described her experience, "I sank this far." Her hand gestures measured a space of about three inches.

Last week, several men from Facilities armed with leaf blowers attended to the puddles, using the blast of air to spread the slurry across a wider area of

A member of facilities explained that the Brock Commons project is still under contract, so until the terms expire, Longwood's Facilities Department cannot implement a permanent solution to the drainage problem.

the sidewalk to hasten its evaporation.

"We can't have standing water out here," said the man, who identified himself only as Charles. "It doesn't look good." There isn't much more they can do. He explained that the Brock Commons project is still under contract, so until the terms expire, Longwood's Facilities Department cannot implement a permanent solution to the drainage problem.

Mike Montgomery, Director of Facilities, said that there just wasn't enough drainage built into the Brock Commons construction. He joined the Facilities team about a year ago, when the construction was almost complete. No one knew then that there would be any problems.

When hurricane season began, several storms brought many days of heavy rain.

Several drain covers toward the south section of Brock Commons had to be replaced last year because they were more decorative than effective. The old covers contributed to the flooding that damaged the floor in Lancer Hall.

H. Franklin Grant, the Director of Planned and Major

Gifts, was involved in the coordination of the Brock Commons project. He said that in a project

al engineering firm responsible for the Brock Commons design and subcontracting the construction, was notified

in writing before the deadline, so it will be addressing the drainage problems in the coming year. In the meantime, other campus areas of chronic dampness will be handled by Facilities.

Montgomery said that Longwood's Facilities Management Services were not part of the planning for Brock Commons. However, they are involved in the planning and review of the designs for the new

recreation center to be built. He hopes that any water or drainage problems will be prevented by having the input of the people that will be performing the maintenance for the area, as well as that of a good drainage engineer.



Standing water cause for concern on the newly-constructed Brock Commons.

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that size, there are glitches. "I'm sure that will be addressed."

The Facilities department has detected other drainage trouble areas.

The Brock Commons construction project is under a one-year warranty that will expire in May, according to Interim Director of Capital Planning, Galen May. Ayers Saint Gross, the architectur-

Charley's Chef, Anne Simboli's Recipe Featured in Pie Cookbook!

Any way you slice it, homemade pies are a scrumptious way to end a meal. Now beginner and well-seasoned bakers alike can treat family and friends to some of the best from-scratch pies in the country. It's easy with the 229 pleasing recipes found in "Best of Country Pies"

This photo-filled volume contains the most requested pie, tart, crisp and cobbler recipes from past issues of "Taste of Home" and other Reiman Publications magazines.

Who could forget Anne Simboli's Pecan Macademia Pie? Since moving to Keysville, she's added 47 more blue-ribbons to her Farmville collection! Anne credits her mom for being the best teacher ever, her dad for eating those strange inventions 35 years ago and her boss Tommy Gaziano of Charley's Waterfront Cafe for always lettering her "dare to be different" when it comes to filling their ever-changing dessert tray.

"Best of Country Pies" is available for \$15.99 plus \$3.95 shipping and handling. To order, send payment to: TASTE OF HOME BOOKS, suite 4977 p.o. box 990, Greendale, WI 53129

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that occurred. "The candidates are very known all over campus," says Mader, "it's a hot race, I never thought it would get to this point."

Mader has looked over the other offices and says they are all checked out. Mader had to make sure everyone one was in good standing and people who were not have been told they are unable to hold the positions. According to Mader sometimes students fall through the cracks of the system

and are able to run even if they do not meet election requirements.

Mader says she hopes that this year's elections have not discouraged the campus from supporting the SGA in future elections. "I hope that the student body would keep faith in us," says Mader, "There are always speed bumps along the way in anything political. We [SGA] are always trying to better ourselves to serve the students and find new methods."

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- Senior Week
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For the Week of April 8-14

Friday the 8th

Relay for Life
Behind the Student Union
7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Guest Baritone Ray Feener
and Pianist Natalia Rivera
Recital: Melanie Melcher
Molnar Recital Hall
7:30 p.m.

Central Plains
Behind Student Union
9:30 p.m.

Saturday the 9th

Poker Night
Lankford Ballroom
9 p.m.

Softball vs. Radford
9 a.m.

Women's Tennis vs. James
Madison
2 p.m.

Softball vs. East Carolina
3:45

Vagina Monologues
Bedford Auditorium
8 p.m.

Sunday the 10th

Softball vs. UNC-Wilmington
9 a.m.

Men's & Women's Tennis vs.
George Mason
1 p.m.

Monday the 11th

Simkins Lecture: Dr. Brian
Czech
Wygall Auditorium
7:30 p.m.

Softball vs. Coppin State
2 p.m.

"The American Cancer Society Relay for Life represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day cancer will be eliminated," www.cancer.org.

This year, Relay for Life will take place here at Longwood University, April 8-9, 2005. Teams from both Longwood and Hampden-Sydney will walk and raise money to help find the cure for cancer and to raise awareness of cancer prevention and treatment. 15 organizations have already signed up to participate in this event. If you would like to participate please contact the team relations coordinator at mfcarr@longwood.edu.

The Way it is

Candi Ziegert



Do you like helping others? Do people come to you for advice? Do you want to make a difference on campus and in the community? If so, the Peer Helpers are now accepting applications for next semester.

If interested, applications can be picked up outside the Peer Helper office in the Student Union or just email PHelpers@longwood.edu for more information!

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Presentations/Info Sessions:

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- April 13 5 p.m. Career Center How to Ace Your Interviews
- April 14 11 a.m. Dining Hall lobby Student Employment Fair

Some Recruiters Now Accepting Resumes:

- Richmond Police Department-Tuesday April 12th
- Auditor of Public Accounts - Friday, April 15th
- BB & T- Friday, April 15th
- Elk Hill - Friday, April 15th
- United Way - Friday, April 15th
- Richmond Police Department - Monday, April 18th
- Dominion Resources - Wednesday, April 20th
- USA Deck, Inc. - Monday, April 25th
- Atlantic Credit & Finance - Tuesday, April 26th
- Royall & Company - Sunday, May 1st
- YMCA Camp Silver Beach - Sunday, May 1st
- Cornerstone Kentbridge - Sunday, May 15th

It was a day that challenged us to reach the day. We at The Rotunda and the Rotunda Foundation have captured an intimate moment in time, with a group of 100 or less that have made a lasting impression. Please e-mail the Rotunda with your responses or any questions to rotunda@longwood.edu.

Carpe Diem

I was so nervous that day, and I will never forget it. We had been waiting for months for the right time to meet. It was his 21st birthday, a Tuesday I think, and I had skipped class. We met in the middle. That was only fair. When he walked into the room I was greeted with the warmest smile. Small talk over dinner formed the love of a lifetime.

It's been almost a year. His birthday is Wednesday. I'm just as nervous and excited now as I was then, and I can't wait to see that smile.

Lisa Martin

Esteemed Poet at Longwood

Courtney Johnson
Staff Writer

On Monday, April 4, E. Ethelbert Miller came to speak at Longwood University for this year's last Author Series reading.

Ethelbert is Director of the African-American Resource Center at Howard University and has taken part in countless other programs for the arts. With ten books in print and as editor of four anthologies, this poet is worthy of highly-esteemed reputation: In 1979, the Mayor of Washington, D.C., proclaimed September 28 as "E. Ethelbert Miller Day."

Ethelbert was introduced by Longwood professors Craig Challender and Mary Carroll-Hackett. Carol-Hackett, who studied under Miller as a student

of the Bennington Writing Seminars, concluded her introduction by saying, "I wish every day could be Ethelbert Miller day, and fortunately for us, tonight it is."

He began by reading several other poems before reading his own work to celebrate April as National Poetry Month.

The first poem he read was "Rapture" by James Tate. He proceeded to read a variety of other poems on various topics.

This lead him to discuss his inspirations. He told the audience about how the times in which he has lived has been of great influence; he cited such examples as the Women's Movement and the Civil Rights Movement. Miller

also went on to say that he also gets inspiration from his family and the evening news.

One poem in particular was inspired by a story he heard on National Public Radio about a family who committed mass suicide to join God. He titled the poem, "Angela," after the little girl they left on the side



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of the road.

Another poem he read was from his newest book, "How WE Sleep On The Nights WE don't Make Love." The poem titled "5th Inning," is symbolic of him entering his fifties and played on his lifetime love of baseball.

Miller commented that he thoroughly enjoyed the enthusiasm of Longwood's students, who made sure to have their questions ready for the poet.

Robots: Technology Mimics Society

Ricky Jennings
Staff Writer

in Robot City.

Rodney also meets Cappy, voiced by Halle Berry, an executive at Bigweld Industries who

we all went through growing up and plays on them in the mechanized sense of robots.

There are several scenes that make fun of current pop stars like Britney Spears and put a comic twist on many of the funny situations that arise in modern societies. Robot city is, in any person's view, a representation of a modern society that exists today. They creators of this movie just give that representation a cartoon look and feel.

On a more serious note, the movie does give a great moral lesson that is becoming more and more relevant in modern cultures. People today, especially in rich modern cultures like America, are labeled based on their socio-economics and are limited or rejected because of labels. This is how the movie again relates to adults because most of the time kids don't pick up on that kind of stuff until they reach a certain age, but while watching it, the thought of how this applies to the type of classification of people we have today really hit home.

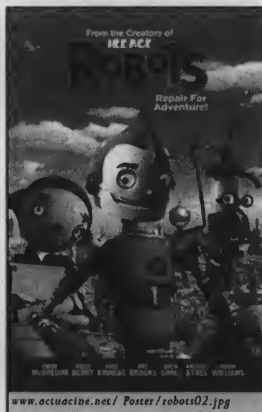
The movie has real life interpretation and has a deep meaning. It is a generally good movie and it is recommended for everyone to go see or buy when it is released on DVD. There are scenes for kids and scenes for adults, which makes this an all around great movie for anyone.

Rodney Copperbottom, voiced by Ewan McGregor, is a small town robot who has a gift for inventing things and a hope of moving beyond his quaint surroundings. He works side by side in a restaurant with his dad who is a dishwasher - literally a dishwasher.

Rodney has dreams of something greater. Created with his unique talent for inventing, Rodney sets out on a journey to Robot City to meet his idol, the incredible inventor Bigweld, voiced by Mel Brooks. An iconic figure in all of Robot City, Bigweld has spent a lifetime creating things to make the lives of robots better.

Once in Robot City, Rodney finds that things are not quite as he expected, and his quest may be a lot harder than he imagined. As he tries to navigate his way around this new city, Rodney befriends the Rusties, a group of street-smart bots who know the ropes.

One of the Rusties, Fender who is voiced by Robin Williams, immediately becomes Rodney's best friend and even lets his corkscrew sister Piper Pinwheel, voiced by Amanda Bynes, tag along. They take him in, and for now, at least, Rodney has a home



takes an instant liking to Rodney and sees a lot of herself in him. Along their adventures, Rodney and his new friends encounter unsavory characters who try to derail Rodney's plans to find Bigweld and save Robot City.

This movie is Hilarious; it is definitely worth going to see. The movie is perfect for kids, with music and colorful scenes that will bring out the imagination of a child. It, however, is great for young adults. The movie invokes many of the typically weird adolescent moments

The Vaginas are Back

Caitlin Dineen
Staff Writer

From April 7-9, "The Vagina Monologues" are back in Jarman for the third year.

Longwood students have come together to prepare this production with the leadership of student director Alexis Spicer. Spicer has worked with the production the entire time it has been at Longwood. According to Spicer, "The Vagina Monologues" is more than just a "taboo" show for people to get a kick out of.

All of the money raised from the production is donated to various causes. 10 percent will go to the nationally selected "spotlight" cause, which this year is for women in Iraq. The other 90 percent will go toward an effort to build a women's abuse center in Farmville.

Aside from supporting this great cause there are numerous reasons students should come see this show. According to Spicer, "the show is hilarious and it really draws a crowd." Sexual assault is common, "One in three

women our age have experienced it," said Spicer.

With such monologues like the "Angry Vagina" and "Hair," the audience can expect a great laugh. "It's a fun show, but it's a great cause," said Spicer, "It needs to be addressed."

This show is not just for women. "It's really important for men to see," said Spicer, "And the first 50 men at the door on Saturday receive a free chocolate vagina."

After the show, the audience can participate in a short question and answer session, in which, people can ask questions they may have for the cast.

"The most important thing is to end violence against women, not about taboo words," said Spicer, "It's about this cause."

In addition to just experiencing the Vagina Monologues, Longwood students can also purchase memorabilia to remind them of the great time they have at the show. Shirts announcing "I love Vaginas" will be on sale, and remember to buy a tasty chocolate vagina.

Students, Professors Find Comradery at Writer's Cup

Janet Jones
Asst. Editor

If you were looking for the brilliant writing minds in a college town on a Tuesday night, where would you begin the search? Maybe a classroom, the library, or a writing lab. If this college town happened to be Longwood University, the answer would be an Italian Restaurant on High Street.

This group compiled of students and professors meet the last Tuesday of every month for something called the "Writer's Cup."

This meeting was created for writers, English majors and people who just enjoy pizza and commradere to be able to talk about classes and writing.

The "Writer's Cup" meets at Perrini's Pizza, located on High Street, at 7 p.m., orders their pizza or pasta and engages in literary discussions, writing techniques, classrooms and banter.

Many of these students are

English majors, although, it is not limited to just those with that concentration.

Not only do English students attend, but many of the English professors come to join in the discussions at "Writer's Cup."

Among those who have come are Brett Hursey, Mary Carroll Hackett and Craig Challenger. This is just another example of the professor closeness found at Longwood University.

The "Writer's Cup" was founded last year by Brett Hursey. He is a new edition to the faculty at Longwood, but already, aside from his teaching, has contributed and made an effort to keep writing at Longwood progressive and forward moving.

Hursey is an English professor who attended and taught at East Carolina University. Many students, even those who are not English majors, have praised Hursey and his teaching techniques.

A business major, Cricket Gicz, is taking her second class from Hursey and said, "He's a

good change from traditional English teachers. He is very supportive of students saying their opinion and how they feel, even if it isn't exactly what he thinks. He supports students defending their answers and never shuts them down."

Along with Brett Hursey, Walter Gray helped bring the idea of the "Writer's Cup" to life. Walter is a student at Longwood University who is very involved with the English department, as well as Unity Alliance.

Hursey commented on the location of the "Writer's Cup": "It used to be located at Mulligans, but it wasn't very seating friendly and I think some people had a problem with it being in a bar. Although, a lot of writers do meet in bars."

At the last "Writer's Cup" students were eating pasta and discussing the classes they signed up for, for next semester.

One student is minoring in creative writing and was explaining to the rest of the students what exactly that entails. Hursey, being a creative writer, was of course encouraging students to pick up this

minor or concentration.

Kristina Johnson, another Longwood writer who attended "Writer's Cup" was there for the first time. After the experience she felt that, "It is a great idea and an awesome way to get to know your classmates, especially professors. I could not believe how laid back everything was."

"It was really cool to see one of my professors out of his teaching element. It reminds you that not only are they human just like you, but they are also going through the constant struggle of writing and revising and feeling that even after all their experience their work still isn't perfect. It is very encouraging to a young writer to hear your role models say that."

Among the writers that attend, there is an array of choice in writing styles. There are those students who write poems, fiction, non-fiction and dramatic writing.

Johnson commented, "It is awesome to be able to see how writers who write other styles work."

"Being a poet myself, I was extremely intrigued to hear the fiction writers discuss story ideas and

the non-fiction writers talk about how they decide on which events in their life were important enough to write about."

While the regular group that meets is not very large it is constantly growing. There are usually around 10 people who attend, but Hursey feels confident that the numbers will continue to rise. The "Writer's Cup" has been publicizing and continually encouraging other writers and friends.

Hursey said, "We have been trying to get the word out and emphasize that everyone is welcome. You do not have to be a creative writer to come."

"You don't even have to be an English major. We accept and are happy to have everyone that comes out to participate in our discussion and have a good time."

Keep your schedules free so that you can be one of the lucky Longwood students to experience the "Writer's Cup."

Deep Puddle Dynamics: Stretching The Boundaries of Hip-Hop

Kyle Castillo
Staff Writer

It's been 26 years since the Sugar Hill Gang exposed hip hop to the majority of the American public. The years since have witnessed the art form integrate itself into the melting pot that is American culture, while in the process supplanting rock and roll as the authentic American voice in the 21st century. Although still in its relative youth, the hip-hop movement has evolved into an increasingly vast array of styles and subcultures.

In 2000 underground supergroup, "Deep Puddle Dynamics," (DPD), demonstrated that hip-hop had only begun to tap its creative potential with their release, "The Taste of Rain... Why Kneel."

DPD is composed of 4 MC's, three of which are label-mates on Anticon Records. Dose-One's nasal heavy voice and eccentric

cadence structure provide him with an easily recognizable and authentic style.

Sole and Alias bring their own styles to the table, each placing an emphasis on the use of an expansive vocabulary while often times making rhyming a casualty. Slug from the group Atmosphere completes the outfit. Using his poetic yet whimsical style he helps lighten the dreary mood that the other MC's often convey.

Their abstract wordplay is beautifully complemented by the production of Jel, Moodswing 7 and DJ Mayonnaise. Each producer maintains their individual integrity, while together sculpting a surreal and dreamlike backdrop that allows the MC's to shine.

The best art often manifests itself through uninhibited spontaneity. Completed in just four days, the album deviates from

the limitations of the typically refined packaged hip-hop formula that most artists use.

By utilizing a free-form cerebral flow



structure, the MC's are able to tap into their raw subconscious when manufacturing their lyrics. Their ability to capture and compose lucid thoughts and juxtaposition those thoughts, makes trying to understand these lyrics much like trying to decipher the meaning of a strange dream.

The goal of many of the songs seems to be the art of describing

the artists' perception of their tangible realities and the correlating emotions and patterns of thought

that come to light in the process. Rapping about topics such as the burning of a candle, their use of thick words provides visual descriptors usually reserved for the finest poetry, as seen in the song, "Heavy Ceiling".

"Where those two walls and ceiling meet; Where you'll be peeling me from when the dreams become abilities; The trilogy of growth; I'm at the second level; Where every word is special and I'm lost inside the echoes."

While the majority of the lyrics are abstract in their construct, there are portions that seem to provide a more straight forward message. This is evident in "The Scarecrow Speaks", when Sole states,

"treat your girl like you treat

your TV; How you should use your headphones as positive role models; Try staying home, stop trying to prove, stop trying to be, stop trying to do, just be, prove, do, and exist."

"The Taste of Rain...Why Kneel", is not the album to play during that Friday night kegger. It is better left for that rainy day when you are inclined to jump start your mind and cast off into a musical world different from anything you've ever heard.

As a whole, DPD creates a musical world so unique that the listener is left either in awe or complete confusion. But as Dose-One states in "The Scarecrow Speaks", "In the immortal words of Oliver Wendell Holmes, a mind that is stretched by a new idea never returns to its' original dementia."

Your Money: Time Running Out For Tuition Cap Bills

Scott Dance
U-Wire

A year ago, state lawmakers rallied and passed a bill to secure lower tuition costs for university students and their families, although it was vetoed by Gov. Bob Ehrlich (R) in June. But today, progress toward repeating the feat in the General Assembly is at a standstill.

With no less than five bills drafted that would take similar tuition-capping measures, none have made it to debate on the floor of either chamber of the General Assembly with less than a week remaining in the legislative session.

Legislators supporting the bills said they are losing hope as the session draws to a close.

"It's hard to be optimistic at this point in the session," said Sen. Brian Frosh (D-Montgomery), who along with Del. Richard Madaleno (D-

Montgomery) introduced a pair of bills in each chamber that would restore \$120 million in cuts to the University System of Maryland and cap tuition increases at 4 percent annually.

"When you look at 2003 to the present ... I still think there's cause for outrage," Frosh said of the need for tuition caps, citing tuition rates that have risen 39 percent over three years and per capita funding that has dropped by 17 percent.

Frosh said he thought there may be a decrease in support for tuition caps because many legislators may feel the additional amount Ehrlich appropriated to the system is adequate.

Ehrlich announced a \$43 million addition to the system's budget in January -- a 5.7 percent increase over a year earlier,

although university President Dan Mote previously told The Diamondback this university's share increased its state support by only 4.1 percent.

Madaleno and Frosh introduced two tuition-capping bills each: one that would require tuition caps given specified amounts of funding are provided and another that would impose 4 percent caps on tuition increases and specify funding levels for future years.

None have made it past the committee level in the legislative process.

A fifth, introduced by Del. Adrienne Jones (D-Baltimore Co.) and essentially identical to the bill passed last year, would

have secured annual funding increases for four years and capped tuition hikes to 5 percent annually with funding from a 10 percent increase in corporate taxes.

The bill was withdrawn in February.

Madaleno said obstacles for many legislators this time around may still be the fact that a tax increase may be necessary to pay for the caps and fund the system.

Also, the bills introduced by Madaleno and Frosh do not specify any source for the funding they require, placing a burden on the state general fund which is divided among state agencies.

Del. Frank Turner (D-Howard) said many legislators backed off tuition-capping legislation after finding it can take away some of the flexibility of

the individual institutions needed in case of enrollment growth.

Turner also said it did not make sense to pass a bill that could burden the general fund and still expect healthy funding increases in the state's budget each year.

"You don't want to [increase funding] and pass the bill, too," he said.

The majority of members of the system's Board of Regents have expressed their distaste for any policy that takes from their autonomy in tuition-setting powers.

Last year's bill narrowly passed the assembly in the final hours of the 2004 session, was vetoed in June and died in January when an attempt for an override failed to materialize.

Many officials, including Ehrlich, opposed the bill because of the business tax.



Health Center Refers Students to Farmville Health Department, High Number of Flu Cases to Blame

Kelly Fischer
Staff Writer

Longwood Student Health Clinic has recently been declining birth control and family planning for current students due to the flu epidemic on campus.

What this means for students is that they will have to go to the Farmville Health Department for their family planning issues, which include examinations and birth control pills.

The reason for this referral to Farmville from Longwood is due to the particularly high number of flu cases this year.

Pam Higgins, director of Student Health and Wellness Center said, "We had 50 flu cases in one week. We didn't want healthy people being in jeopardy of getting sick since there were so many cases of the flu."

Ms. Higgins has been at Longwood for 18 years and is not worried about students now having to go to the Farmville Health Department.

"I have worked there before. Everyone has a different experience but I am extremely com-

fortable with the Health Department. I don't send anyone to anybody that I wouldn't send my own children to," said Higgins.

There are some important concerns for students. This is in regards to procedures at the Farmville Health Department that differ from those at Longwood.

The Health Department requires you to bring in a form of income, such as a paycheck or tax form showing how much money you make or could make in a year.

The amount you are charged is based on this income. Therefore, students attending Longwood who cannot work all the time will most likely not make enough to be charged for things such as birth control pills.

In comparison, the Longwood Student Health bills the student or their insurance for the prescription they write and do not go through a financial process.

The Health Department has only one nurse practitioner that oversees seven counties, which only lets her be in Farmville one

Friday a week.

Students should be aware of this and plan to make appointments ahead of time.

Higgins stated that they would resume family planning. "If we start getting more requests for appointments, then we probably will."

The health of Longwood students is of utmost importance to Higgins.

"Think about it as women's health should be as routine as all of our other health issues. Contraceptive health is making healthy choices for women's health. It can influence your academic choices. If we could think of health prevention activities as important, then it would make a difference," stated Higgins.

"Contraceptive health isn't just a woman's issue; it's a man's issue as well. Men and women need to practice good health care for healthy families," concluded Higgins.

For more information on what the clinic is currently providing, call 395-2102. For information from the Health Department, call 392-8187.

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Catch the Spirit: Higgins Works for a Healthier Community



Health and Wellness Center
Director, Pam Higgins.
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Ashley Dow
Longwood Public Relations

It is hard for Pam Higgins to remember a day in her life when she was not focused on nursing.

She grew up watching her grandmother, a nurse, take care of patients.

Her grandmother received her nursing degree at the age of 50

and served as a role model to Higgins.

At the young age of 16, Higgins began to follow in her grandmother's footsteps and became a nursing assistant at the University of Virginia hospital.

Higgins is currently the Director of the Student Health and Wellness Center.

As a college student in the early 70's, Higgins studied nursing at Longwood for two years before completing her degree at UVA.

She then received a masters degree in nursing from there with a focus in rural community health.

"I wanted to practice rural community health care because it involves more than the person who is sick," said Higgins. "Community health involves everyone."

After college, Higgins worked for the Piedmont Health District and helped to open the first family planning clinic at

Longwood.

The clinic, located on the third floor of Tabb residence hall, provided healthcare to women and promoted general health awareness.

When working with the health district, Higgins was approached by a nurse practitioner at Longwood, to work in the health center at the college.

She accepted a job as the assistant director for the health and wellness center in 1988 and was promoted to her current position in 1993.

"During the five years I served as assistant director, I had the opportunity to work one-on-one with many students," said Higgins. "I brought AIDS programs to campus and educated RA's about health concerns."

Higgins is very glad she was able to pursue a career in rural community health close to her family roots.

Even though she grew up in Charlottesville, Higgins has a

family history in Farmville.

"My work in rural community health has enabled me to help people grow healthy babies and families," stated Higgins. "I have been invigorated and inspired by those I have helped. That is exactly what I wanted to do with my nursing career."

As director, Higgins oversees the Longwood Student Health Partners, a student advisory group for the center.

The group which seeks to promote the basics of self-health, often presents programs on stress, lack of sleep and cold and flu symptoms in addition to other requested programs.

Higgins believes that along with the health partners, all students seem to display a real interest in keeping themselves healthy and looking out for each other.

"I have seen an entire residence hall suite of freshman come into the health center to make an appointment," stated

Higgins. "I feel that most students share a comradery and have a concern for their community."

To keep herself healthy, Higgins develops alternative ways to relieve everyday stress and combat illness.

She believes it is important to use the beneficial things in nature because they can really teach everyone how to become a healthier person.

"I have been gardening since I moved to Farmville at the age of 20. I have not had a season without a garden," explained Higgins. "For me gardening is a way to relieve stress and burn calories."

Higgins is not the only person in her family to attend Longwood, one of her twin daughters, Kindle is a 1999 graduate of the university.

When not looking out for the health and well-being of students, Higgins enjoys gardening and raising bees and honey with her partner of seven years, Jack.

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Lancers Hit On All Cylinders On Way To Blowout Win

Jimmy Vickers
Guest Writer

Longwood's offense exploded yesterday as the Lancers destroyed the visiting Appalachian State University Mountaineers by a score of 15-4. "Longwood has always had a reputation for having a power offense," said head coach Charles Bolding. "We compare ourselves to the Boston Red Sox, we're going to come out swinging and see if you've got the pitching and defense to handle us."

Centerfielder Matt Duvall's three-run blast in the sixth is just one example of Longwood's "swing-away" offense displayed on Wednesday. "I had no idea it was going over [the fence] when I hit it... the wind helped it," said Duvall. "Everyone was hitting well today. I thought, and a lot of other guys on the

team thought, that the pitchers were just setting them up for us. I was able to see the ball very well today," said Duvall.

Catcher Tyler Childress scored one run and Duvall scored three runs, as they both knocked in three RBI's. Left-fielder

Tyler Ames went three for five and had an amazing four RBI's for the game. Chris Balus scored an incredible five runs of his own on Wednesday.

It wasn't just great hitting that accounted for the Lancer's seventh win out of their last 11 games; great pitching was a big part of Longwood's win on

Wednesday as well.

"I felt like I could throw anything for a strike," said Brian McCullough, who pitched 6 innings, recorded six strikeouts, and only gave up one earned, and one unearned run on three hits.

"This was his [Brian McCullough] second quality performance in a row. He's the backbone of our pitching staff," said Bolding. McCullough allowed the earned run in the first but settled down and retired 15 straight Mountaineer batters.

"They only scored because I hit a guy and they got a lucky dribbler," said McCullough.

For the Mountaineers, Julian

Brown scored on Kevin Butler's RBI dribbler. Longwood's offense answered the Mountaineers' run in the first with a run of their own. "We just kept doing the same thing

out there and the

record to 8-5 and 11-19 overall. The loss brought the Mountaineers down to 7-23 for the season. The Lancers bounced back from a disappointing 11-6 loss to JMU and

are now eager for a three-game series with VMI. "Today's game made us very confident. I'm really looking forward to playing VMI," said Duvall.

Longwood's three-game series with VMI takes place in Lexington and begins Friday,

April 8-10. The Lancers' next home game is on Thursday, April 14 when they host Hampden-Sydney at 3:00 p.m.



Pitcher Brian McCullough records six strikeouts in Lancer win.

Photo by Jimmy Vickers



Centerfielder Matt Duvall drills a three run home run.

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offense put a lot of runs on the board which made it easy for us to settle down," added McCullough.

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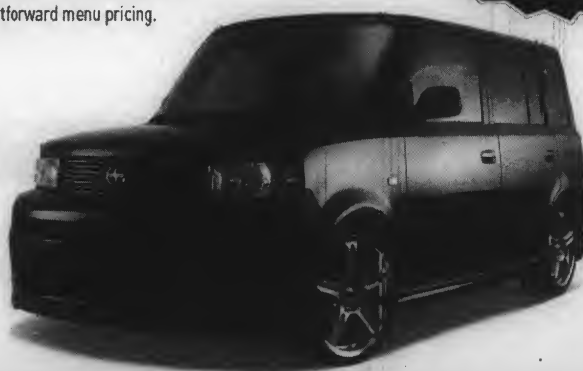
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Lacrosse Rolls Past Canisius, Manhattan; falls to George Washington

Kyle Martin
Staff Writer

Riding a train of success built on the rails of six straight wins; the lacrosse team suffered a setback against the Colonials of George Washington in an 11-10 defeat yesterday. The Lancers' only loss last season occurred at George Washington while yesterday's outcome was their second in the 2005 campaign.

After a wild win last Tuesday against #20 William and Mary, the lacrosse team continued their three-game home stand last weekend against Canisius College and Manhattan College riding a four-game win streak.

Despite the opponents combined record of 4-6, Longwood did not take the visiting teams lightly.

"We take every team the same," junior midfielder Jenn Shipp said. "It doesn't matter if the team is a big name or not, but we just came in with the same mental toughness that we've been doing every game and the same focus."

Last Friday, the Lancers focused on finding the net early and often against the Golden Griffins of Canisius, with sophomore attacker Kathleen Barry tallying the Lancers' first score with 28:35 remaining in the opening period. On the ensuing draw, sophomore midfielder Cathleen Strain used her speed to snatch the ball and raced to the net for an unassisted score.

Enter Shipp. The midfielder set sail on a five-goal odyssey at the 1:57 mark after catching the set-up pass from junior attacker Ali Shafer and blasting the ball past sophomore goalie Brenton Rasheeda. Shipp notched the next two goals, giving the Lancers a 5-0 advantage with 26:10 to play in the period.

Freshman midfielder Erica Nasca ended the shutout by capitalizing on a free position chance for the Griffins' first goal of the game.

Longwood recovered quickly, delivering four straight goals, including Barry's second of the game, giving the Lancers a 9-1 stranglehold over Canisius at the 7:01 mark.

After ending the scoreless drought, Nasca, along with sophomore attacker Amanda Marts began an offensive onslaught, combining to score five straight goals to slash Longwood's lead to three with 9:09 left to play.

With the quick comeback and a close game, head

coach Janet Grubbs remained confident. "I think we had control of the game the whole time," Grubbs said.



Senior Isa Cohen lead Lancers with four goals against Manhattan.

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"I think we had control of the game the whole time," Grubbs said.

Longwood shattered any dreams of a comeback with three consecutive goals, giving the Lancers a 12-6 lead, at half-time.

Although armed with focus, Grubbs emphasized a need for, "Being a little sharper. We were kind of getting sloppy because they're skill level wasn't as strong as ours."

In the half, Shipp and Nasca lead their teams in offense with three and four goals respectively. Longwood out-shot the Griffins 19-11 and recorded three saves to Canisius' five.

Even with a comfortable cushion, Longwood refused to run on cruise control in the second half. At 32:30, Strain netted an acrobatic goal with a spin move in front of the net to beat freshman goalie Katie Ferguson.

The Lancers netted the next four goals, including Shipp's fifth, for a 17-6 advantage with 17:00 to play.

Notching the only two Griffin goals of the half, Nasca

continued her impressive performance down the stretch scoring a game-high of six. But it was not enough to stop the Lancer juggernaut as Longwood won 22-8.

The comfortable advantage during the game allowed younger players, including freshman goalie Jen Holliday, to gain valuable playing experience.

"It was nice to see her play in behind the starting lineup," Grubbs said. "She did a good job of focusing on the ball and she did a good job of handling the defense, and her clears were right on the money." Holliday was enthusiastic about contributing in the win. "Well, it's awesome to get in because the other games have been so close, so I haven't gotten a chance to get in as much," Holliday said. "When I go in, I give 100% all the time and do what I can do. It's great to be on this team where we are winning and building together."

Shipp added, "They [the bench players] came in a little slow. Coach called a timeout and everyone loosened up and they played well together. They just moved the ball beautifully in transition."

After dominating Canisius, the Jaspers of Manhattan College hoped to avoid becoming the latest victim of the Longwood massacre. Although winless before last Sunday's match-up, Grubbs was cognizant to not underestimate their ability.

"Manhattan's going to be a lot tougher...so I can't say who will be playing until the game goes along," Grubbs mentioned.

Manhattan got the upper hand early against the hosts when junior midfielder Molly Pheterson lunged a shot past junior goalie Emily Wilson thirty seconds into the match for a 1-0 lead.

The Jaspers kept the Lancers scoreless for almost nine minutes, but Shafer broke through. After a pass from Shipp, Shafer hit the spin cycle in

front of sophomore goalie Ashley Devins for a quick shot to tie the game.

With 18:33 remaining in the period, Longwood pulled the trigger on their loaded offense, adding three straight goals from Strain, Shipp, and a free position score from freshman attacker Joyce Haines to hold a 4-1 edge.

The final ten minutes of the first half continued to be a fight for the lead as the winless



Junior Jenn Shipp finishes with five goals and three assists in victory over Canisius

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Jaspers mounted a comeback. Senior midfielder Victoria Carman netted a goal at 20:41 making the score 4-2. The Jaspers scored two of the next three goals and trailed 5-4 with more than two minutes to play.

With less than a minute remaining Senior attacker Isa Cohen snatched the momentum away from Manhattan by scoring her first goal of the game to put Longwood in front 6-4 at half-time.

"I don't think we were concerned," Shipp explained, "but we weren't playing at our top level."

In the first half, the Jaspers ruled draw control with a 9-2 advantage. However, Longwood out-shot Manhattan 20-7 and committed four fewer turnovers in the period.

Although close at half-time, the combination of Cohen, Shipp, and Strain provided Manhattan's demise with offensive play.

During the first minute of the second half, Strain displayed her acrobatic prowess with a running jump shot that blew past the Jaspers' Devins. Cohen continued the onslaught with three consecutive goals, including an unassisted masterpiece landing in the corner of the net. Shipp capped off the offensive with her second tally for an 11-4 advantage with 16:02 left in the game.

The Jaspers eventually penetrated the stout defense of the Lancers for back-to-back goals, but they never recovered from Longwood's early half push.

Longwood netted four of the final five scores, giving the Lancers their sixth consecutive victory with a 15-7 win.

Once again, Longwood's younger players, such as back-up keeper Holliday, received several minutes of play throughout the contest as Grubbs continued to develop her maturing talent.

"Fear needs to be less of a factor," Grubbs explained. "My older ones have learned to play the game without fear. Their staying focused no matter what the score. The younger ones are really hesitant."

Holliday already notices a change due to Grubbs' system. "For the goalies, the game play is so different from high school," Holliday said, "I've learned to be aggressive, have no fear, and play with my heart."

Cohen and Shipp lead the Longwood offense with four and three goals respectively. The tandem of Wilson and Holliday managed nine saves while facing 16 shots.

The Jaspers' Pheterson netted three goals in defeat and keeper Devins managed to save 13 out of 35 shots.

Longwood is currently 7-2 on the season. They now face road games against Lafayette and Lehigh in Pennsylvania before heading back home to battle Howard at Lancer Field on Tuesday, April 12 at 4:00 p.m.

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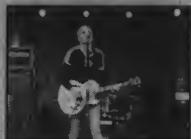


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University Breaks Ground for New Recreation Center

Ashley Dow
Staff Writer

To kick off the spring weekend events last Friday, Longwood marked the beginning of the construction of the new recreation center with a groundbreaking ceremony in the lower Frazier parking lot.

At the beginning of the ceremony, an aerial photograph was taken of students standing along the planned outline of the new center waving blue and white pom-poms. Following the photo, President Patricia Cormier and Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Tim Pierson spoke to students about the new center and the changes it would bring.



President Cormier along with students, faculty, and staff partake in the Recreation center ground-breaking.

"This facility will transform our campus," said Pierson. "It's something that students here have wanted and needed for a long time. Campus Recreation current-

department, which is moving to Division-I status. With the tremendous demands on our current facilities, it is critical to have a facility that is available for general student use for extended hours every day."

The 75,000 square foot recreation center will feature two basketball courts, an indoor running track, two racquet ball courts, three multipurpose rooms, a rock climbing wall, a main workout room with space for approximately 180 pieces of equipment and a juice bar. There will also be a station for equipment rental and ample storage space.

"The new weight room facilities will allow more strength training for our games," said

Byron Trafton, member of the men's rugby team. "I like the idea of a juice bar and it would be great to have the facility open longer hours."

The center will be built of brick and glass, with the corner at Main and Franklin streets featuring a curved section of glass. Additionally, some of the ceiling over the fitness area and entrance way will also be glass, letting in natural light.

The complex will serve as the new office location for the Student Health and Wellness Center, Counseling Center and Student Recreation. The center is being designed by Moseley Architects from Virginia Beach with recreation consultants Hastings & Chivetta from St. Louis, MO.

Parking Spaces Won't Be Lost

Elena Lucier
Staff Writer

With the new recreation center set to occupy one of the largest commuter parking lots, students are concerned about parking next year and rumors are circulating about what will happen.

Longwood is adamant that all the spaces will be compensated for by next semester.

"The new gym will make us lose 185 spaces, but we will find other places for these students to park by the fall," said Longwood Police Chief Charles Lowe.

"We're going to add extra spaces around campus," he added.

In actuality, the rumors have circulated that parking from the upper Frazier lot or the Wynne lot will be lost are in fact just rumors.

"That is a viciously untrue rumor," Lowe said. "Some parking spaces behind the new gym will be used for Student Health, but that is it."

However, new parking does mean more money. Even though all of the money from

parking tickets is used for parking purposes, it still is not enough.

"Parking should pay for itself," Lowe said. "But it currently isn't. We're still paying for the new Wynne parking lot."

Students will probably see an increase in the price of parking permits next year, but not in parking tickets, Lowe said.

Some students have suggested that Longwood should limit the number of sophomores who drive to school in order to alleviate the parking problem. Although this seems a good solution, admissions is hesitant to do so because it would discourage prospective students.

"I know many colleges where freshmen can't drive, but I can't think of a single one that doesn't allow sophomores to 'drive,'" explained Lowe.

Eventually off-campus parking lots will be constructed, and Longwood hopes to work with the FAB in order to have students shuttled to and from the lots. There may also be some incentive for parking off-campus instead of in the on-campus lots.



Photo courtesy of Public Relations

Ruffner/Rotunda Rededication

Kent Booty
Office of Public Relations

Almost four years to the day after being destroyed by fire, the new version of Longwood University's signature building will be rededicated Saturday, April 23.

Ruffner Hall, topped like its predecessor with a rotunda dome, will be dedicated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 11 a.m. The celebration will include a picnic on nearby Lancaster Mall from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (\$10 for the public in advance, \$15 that day), along with self-guided tours of Ruffner from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30

p.m. Every Longwood class from 1930 to the present will be represented.

The changes throughout the hall are dramatic with state-of-the-art classrooms, office, research and conference rooms. There is a wide range of technology improvements and amenities, including a "sympodium" in each classroom, an observation lab in the psychology area, an archaeology lab, two plasma screens on each floor. A symposium, which can be mounted on the instructor's desktop, is an interactive pen display that works as a computer.

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Words From The Editor: SGA Process a Problem?



I would like to start off by apologizing for last week and the fact that we couldn't put out a paper.

We had technical problems including a network failure and computer errors that couldn't be fixed in time to get a paper printed.

We have just installed three new computers, so the process should run a little smoother from here on out. Hopefully we will have 2 more computers so if nothing else we will finally have five computers that actually work!

It's disturbing for a newspaper to get excited over having five computers that work, I know, but if any of you have ever been in the office, then you understand.

I appreciate those of you

who have stuck it out with us, and I ask you to continue to bear with us as we get the new system in order.

One thing that I know is on the minds of most people who are involved in SGA-funded organizations is the way the new budget process has been handled. I, of all people, can sympathize with the lack of organization and effectiveness of the process.

Believe me.

There has been very little organization, a ridiculous amount of wasted time and a lack of clarity in reaching the students about the process and the next steps they need to take. I too have had my fair share of fighting the new system, you all are not alone. I can't remember the last time one single organization has been the cause of so much stress and anxiety.

Although I do not agree

with the way the budget hearing process was handled this year, I have to admit that the intentions were sincere.

As the old budget process stood, the smaller organizations were heard last, following the bigger, much more expensive groups. Allocating money before all the groups were heard often left very little for the smaller organizations. I understand that completely, and I congratulate the committee for recognizing the problem and attempting to fix it.

However, attempting is the operative word. While the committee has solved the problem of hearing all budgets before allocation, it has opened up many more, the biggest problem being the lack of organization.

Looking over all the budgets and hearing the organization's arguments was an excellent idea, don't get me wrong. But excuse me when I say what the hell happened after that?

We all come to a meeting, on a Sunday evening no less, that we are

requested to attend, to sit, some of us anyway, for 4 hours plus and never be heard. Other groups, such as myself, went back home and came back hours later to be turned away and told they would be notified when their budget was to be heard.

Ok, fine. I can even deal with that. It's a new process, and I completely understand the problems with change. My real problem comes to this, after being promised by multiple members that I would be notified before my allocation, after making it perfectly clear that I wanted to be at the allocation to answer and ask questions, my hearing was held without me. When I was told it wouldn't be heard that day and not to worry about showing up.

Until this point, I have been very patient with the new system. As I stated earlier, I can appreciate the motivation to change and improve, and I can understand the unexpected kinks and obstacles (including time issues) when testing out a new operation. What I

can't understand is why I was deliberately not contacted when my budget was heard.

My point is this, for all of the organizations out there who understand my frustrations; I want you to know that most of us are dealing with the same thing. Many organizations think the same, if not worse. Some aren't speaking up, maybe some are concerned with making certain people angry, I don't know. However, if you have a comment, question, or concern with the new budget process, I encourage you to express those opinions. I truly believe that at least most members of the SGA committee are working hard to make this a more fair process, and while there's nothing you can do about those who aren't sincere and honest, it just might make you feel better to vent.

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U.S. Hiding Plan for Global Empire

Brett Battle
U-WIRE

I've never considered myself a conspiracy theorist.

The average person might consider a conspiracy theorist to be a basement-dwelling nut job like Dale Gribble from "King of the Hill."

I don't believe the whole world is out to get me like Dale does.

However, I do take into consideration evidence presented to the table when it comes to topics of discussion.

Global dominance is today's lesson, children.

The United States has the means to achieve global domination.

But there must be a plan -- some kind of agenda -- to get over the social hump of morality and ethics.

There must be a plan that can congregate the "free" masses of a "democracy" so we can feel like we are doing the right thing.

This plan is known as "The Project for a New American Century," founded in 1997 by conservative members of United States leadership including Vice President Dick Cheney, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld,

Florida Governor Jeb Bush and Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz.

PNAC is supposedly inspired by the Ronald Reagan world view. This world view calls for an increase in military power and the removal of foreign regimes "hostile to our interests and values."

This project also asks for "preserving and extending an international order friendly to our security, our prosperity and our principles."

If you haven't seen the movie "Head of State," the opposing candidate to Chris Rock's character used the slogan "God bless America and no one else."

Keep in mind, Reagan set forth the policies of his time to snuff out the final remnants of the USSR.

Now we need to extend those same policies globally?

In the modern era, the threat to the status quo is no longer communism.

And don't buy into the threat of terrorism.

We, the people of this governing body, are the threat to the status quo and our leaders are doing

everything they can to keep us from bringing about any form of change.

A social renaissance would be their worst nightmare.

How do you prevent a social renaissance?

Prevent the people from knowing your plans.

How many Americans know of PNAC?

It's not discussed on radio talk shows or commercial news on television.

PNAC is not taught to us in public schools.

It was never mentioned before or after the invasion of the Iraq.

It seems to have slowly settled into this culture's skin that a global American police state is not only good, but inevitable.

An American flag in every home is what it means to be free.

Cheney and Rumsfeld should come out in the open and say, "These are our plans, I hope you don't mind because you don't have a choice," but they never will.

Why is that? Because you and I are working like slaves funding these plans with our tax dollars.

ACTIVIST

"If you're not mad, you're not paying attention!"

The "Activist" is your outlet for battling social injustice and things that suck. This is your chance to do something about societal evils, instead of just whining about them. So speak up and act up. Because, if you're not mad, you're not paying attention. E-mail Activist ideas to rotunda@longwood.edu.

Littering is Not a Landscaping Problem

Holly Weiss
Guest Writer

Imagine a beautiful day: the sun is shining, and it's a wonderful 70 degrees out, but you know you have to go to class, so you walk past all of the students having fun in front of your residence hall, Stubbs.

You envy them for being able to spend a carefree afternoon playing volleyball, tossing a football, sun-bathing or catching up with friends.

You go to class hating every second of it, because it's in a room without windows, so you cannot have anything to do with the beautiful day out besides the walk to and from class.

You come back from that horrid class to find a lawn empty of people, but full of eyesores everywhere: TRASH!

Not only are there cans and bottles being left there, people are starting to leave personal items out as well.

For instance, just recently, I found a dirty white sock on my walk up the front path to the building I have lived in for almost two years.

This semester, things have only gotten worse.

Every time there are students out there on a nice day, it's not uncommon to find students on both sides of the sidewalk, usually shirtless guys playing volleyball (and come on, what straight girl would object to that?), and on the other side groups of students just enjoying their afternoon.

But the fact that I can tell that they were there that day is what bothers me.

That old cliché of "take nothing but pictures leave nothing but footprints" comes to mind.

Could it be because of the fact that I spent part of my summer learning about the effects of trash on our environment?

Possibly.

Could it be that there are more students than ever before on

Longwood's campus? Possibly.

But it's more likely that fewer people have started caring about the upkeep of our campus. Now on these nice days, it's not uncommon to see a few cans among the grass, with a few plastic cups here and there.

Thank goodness for our facilities department, because those cans would be lying there for at least 200 years!

Imagine! A can being there from the 1800s (granted, aluminum was probably not invented that long ago.)

And those cups?

They NEVER biodegrade. That little white plastic ribbed cup could be in that same spot 300 years from now, and still be usable.

And if you walk around anywhere, chances are you will see a cigarette butt among the grass near the sidewalk.

During my internship (on a whale watching vessel out of Gloucester, Massachusetts), I had learned that it takes 15 years for those butts to biodegrade. FIFTEEN!

Can you imagine that? Can you imagine a cigarette butt being in that one place from the time you are born up until the time you first learn how to drive?

Its ridiculous!

Granted, it does take some effort to find a receptacle to put your butts into, but if you think about the alternative—that butt being there for 15 YEARS?

It's disgusting!

I know that our campus is somewhat apathetic, but we should at the very least take some pride in our common areas such as the lawn in front of Stubbs.

That fateful day I saw all the trash in front of Stubbs, the facilities department had spent the morning and early afternoon mowing the grass, and walking

around with weed whackers getting everything just right: for us to mess it up soon afterwards with trash!

Can you imagine how frustrating it must be for the landscaping staff to see how unappreciative some people are?

I think Mr. Incredible from the recent Pixar hit "The Incredibles" can put this best. "No matter how many times you save the world, it always manages to get back in jeopardy again."

Sometimes I just want it to stay saved!

You know, for a little bit?

I feel like the maid: "I just cleaned up this mess! Can we keep it clean for... for ten minutes!"

I'm not expecting to save the world, just make a slight difference in the way people treat the campus.

If this article inspires one person on Stubbs lawn to take their Mountain Dew bottle to a trashcan, my ranting has been worth it. Come on Longwood.

It takes little to no effort whatsoever to go to a trashcan with your cans and/or cigarette butts on your way back to your dorm from Stubbs.

Chances are, you probably walked past one on your way to pick up this newspaper.

Would you rather take some responsibility for your trash, or have trashcans lining all of the sidewalks around campus?

Hopefully it's the first of the two.

The responsibility of us having to throw out our trash in the dining hall has already been alleviated, but we still have to take care of our trash on this campus.

It's not only a matter of personal responsibility, it's a matter of respect for the students who have to look at the eyesores, not to mention to our landscaping staff that have put so much work into beautifying our wonderful campus!

Props and Drops

The Rotunda would like to encourage anyone and everyone to submit props and drops to rotunda@longwood.edu

Props:

- + To Christmas time in April.
- + To the Farmville railroad tracks.
- + To Saul Williams and Bandfest.
- + To people stealing beer from the field parties.
- + To harmless water balloons.
- + To hemp necklaces made by the women's rugby team.

Drops:

- To extremely vicious and giant wasps.
- To only two more weeks of school.
- To the new SGA's lack of organization.
- To having a paper due for every single class all on the same week.

Speak Out

What do you think about the art work that has been placed around campus?

I think its at times festive, actually what artwork?

-Antnyon Mitchell
Senior



I think it is a waste of my money to keep it here.

-Lauren Turner
Freshman



In theory, supporting the arts is great, but they seem too avant garde and clutter our campus.

-Meredith Carr
Junior



I don't really like any of it; I would have rather seen art that was related to Longwood.

-Jenn Dize
Senior



All pictures by Will Petrus

Bookstore Back On-Campus

Lisa Martin
Staff Writer

Although the Longwood Bookstore has been in five locations in eight years, and another move is being planned, the staff is happy to have returned to campus with more space.

The bookstore has been operating since March 3 from the first floor of the Blackwell building. According to bookstore manager Louisa Lackey, they do not yet know when the bookstore will move into its permanent location in the lower level of the Blackwell building.

"We're very happy to be back," Lackey commented. She also added that they feel more connected with the campus at its new location.

"Hopefully things will be less claustrophobic when buy-

ing books from now on," said junior Nicole Rudd.

The move has not meant a change in the number of employees or prices.

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"The move does not generate any kind of increase in the price of books in the new bookstore," Lackey said.

The new location of the bookstore seems to be having a positive effect on everyone. "Students come in and go, wow!, this bookstore looks like a real college bookstore." Lackey said, "I think everyone

is very excited."

"I think the new bookstore is beautiful and it's so convenient to have it back on campus," bookstore employee and

Longwood sophomore Anne Reynolds explained. "We've all worked really hard to get the bookstore set up and everyone is really excited it's finally back on campus."

The new location is also helpful in promoting Longwood to high school students and families. Longwood Ambassador Josh Elder said "It is nice being able to end my tours with perspective students at the bookstore, so they have a chance to buy Longwood apparel."

Car Theft at Longwood

Naomi Pearson
Staff Writer

Two young men were apprehended on March 30 by Farmville police in connection with the breaking and entering of one Farmville business and the attempted break-in of another. After executing a search warrant, the police also linked them with the recent rash of car break-ins in the Longwood parking lots at Main Street and at the Wynne upper tier, according to Longwood Police Inspector John Thompson.

One of the young men is an 18-year-old senior at Nottoway High School. The other, also 18, is a student at Southside Virginia Community College in Keysville. Both are being held in the Piedmont Regional Jail, said Thompson.

The town has filed charges against the two for the business break-ins and thefts.

The Longwood Police Department has not filed charges due to legal complications.

Despite the seizure of car

stereos and other equipment from the homes of the young men under the terms of the search warrant, none of the Longwood break-in victims were able to conclusively identify any of the equipment as their own.

"Most people buy their stuff and just throw the papers [that come with it] away," Thompson said. Since the papers often contain the serial numbers of the equipment, they are the very documents that can prove a person's ownership. He encourages everyone to record the serial number of their property or to make an identifying mark on it, such as engraving, to prevent this kind of ambiguity.

There is no conclusive link between the equipment seized and those who lost their property, Thompson said. He noted, however, that since the young men were brought in "there haven't been any more break-ins."

Thompson is continuing to investigate.

Charley's Chef, Anne Simboli Makes a Special Request of the Class of 2005

Dear Friends and Class of 2005,

It has been a privilege being part of Farmville for the past 13 years! Working in a college town is magic. Instead of an ad this week I have a special request for the Class of 2005.

Please think of Madeline's House when getting ready to move. It always amazes me the amount of stuff to be thrown out during and after graduation weekend. Madeline's House is now located next to Dowdy's furniture and would appreciate your donations.

If you don't have a car or can't get someone to help you drop it off call Madeline's House to arrange a pickup.

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monitor. The observation lab has four cameras and a microphone, and an operator can switch from one camera to another, display the lab live to an adjacent classroom and record onto DVD. The plasma screens, near the elevator on the east and west side of each floor will run announcements about student life.

The overall project, which began in December 2002, cost

\$17.9 million. It was built by English Construction Company Inc. of Lynchburg, as was the adjacent Grainger Hall, also reconstructed to closely resemble its predecessor.

For more information about the rededication and grand opening of Ruffner Hall, please phone Longwood University at 1.800.281.4677, Ext. 3, or visit online at www.longwood.edu/news/events/ruffnerdedication/

We want to get INVOLVED with the CLASS of
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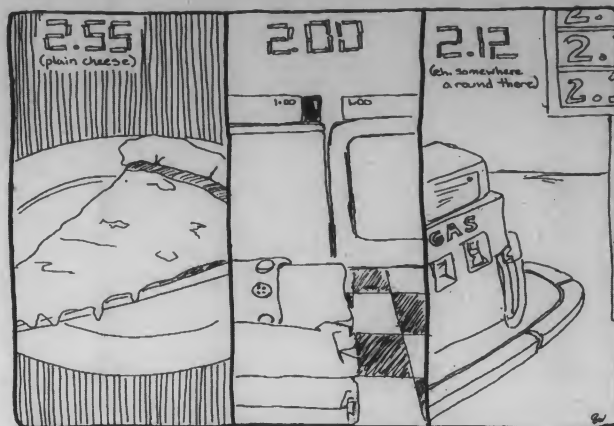
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positions we are
looking for:

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- Fundraising
- Food Services
- Senior Week
- Spirit Chair!

E-mail: cham@longwood.edu If you have any questions,
comments or want to be a part of it all!

April

FRI	22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ► Women's rugby car wash at Auto Zone ► Movie: <i>Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou</i> ► Trivia Night, 10 p.m., Lankford Mall
SAT	23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ► Ruffner Hall Rededication ► Theatre: <i>Sing Down the Moon: Appalachian Wonder Tales</i>, 7 p.m. ► Percussion Ensemble Concert, 10 p.m., Molnar Recital Hall
SUN	24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ► Theatre: <i>Sing Down the Moon: Appalachian Wonder Tales</i>, 7 p.m. ► Senior Piano Recital, 4 p.m., Molnar Recital Hall
MON	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ► Wind Symphony and Jazz Ensemble A Concert, 7:30 p.m., Jarman Auditorium
TUES	26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ► Softball vs George Washington, 4 p.m.
WED	27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ► Flute Ensemble Concert, 7:30 p.m., Molnar Recital Hall
THURS	28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ► Lacrosse vs Davidson, 7 p.m. ► Faculty Piano Recital, 7:30 p.m., Molnar Recital Hall ► SGA Presidential Inauguration, 4:00 p.m. Student Union



"At least gas still costs less than cafe pizza"

By: Ellie Woodruff

Peer Helpers

Do you like helping others? Do people come to you for advice? Do you want to make a difference on campus and in the community? If so, the Peer Helpers are now accepting applications for next semester.

Pick up an application outside the Peer Helper office.
For more info email us at PHelpers@longwood.edu

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April 26

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Vanilla Ice Visits Farmville

Kelly Fischer
Staff Writer

The shaved line in the eyebrow, the blonde pompadour, the harem pants and the cheesy dance moves might remind one of a certain rapper from the early 90s. That's right, Vanilla Ice.

He took the stage at Hampden-Sydney's field house on Thursday, April 7 as part of the Greek Week celebration. At 9:30 that evening, several hundred students paid \$1 to hear the concert and partake, if age 21, in the Beer Garden.

While waiting, the crowd began to chant, "Ice," as they stood with anticipation for the one hit wonder to take the stage. The evening was an experience to say the least. Vanilla Ice a.k.a. Rob VanWinkle took the stage 30 minutes late and began to chant, "Ice Ice Baby," but those in the crowd could tell that this would not be a trip down memory lane.

Ice began to rap several songs from his newest album, "Bi-Polar." In between songs, he would tease the audience with chants of "Ice Ice Baby" and "Go Ninja, Go Ninja, Go." Due to rumors that he was contracted to sing his old music, the audience was expecting him to break out his notorious hit.

After several songs from his newest album and solos by his drummer and disc jockey, there soon came a beat that made the crowd go wild. As he looked out among the audience with the music to "Ice Ice Baby" playing, VanWinkle smiled and shook his head.

Junior Nicole Matthews said, "everyone was so excited and when he finally played 'Ice Ice Baby' it was worth listening to all his new stuff just to hear that live."

Despite his new outlook on life and new image, he cannot deny

the impact he had on the youth of the 90s with his famous hit.

He has been quoted as saying he was a "puppet for the industry" back in the early 90s and his new image is "no image, no polished made up gimmicks created by record companies (<http://www.vanillaice.com/bio.shtml>)."

One can only wonder what was going through his mind when he had just played all of his new music with not much reaction, and then plays his 15 year old hit that caused the audience to go crazy.

In the blink of an eye, the experience was over. And that's exactly what it was...an experience. Everyone who attended the concert can say that they got to "collaborate and listen" to Vanilla Ice in Farmville.

Carpe Diem

I volunteered to be DD for AMP's next party on Friday night. Being the ecologic friend that I am, I felt the need to set up on hot drinks without the hot party. After a while, I heard the band announced for there was to be a beer bong contest.

After several beer bong attempts, I dropped down on one knee and started to chant it was so cold tonight. As soon as I finished, I jumped and up came some beer into the crowd. Thank! I never got my prize, I could barely find up, and a memory was made.

B. Courtney Stewardson

Sculptor Kathleen Driscoll Makes a Splash

Ellie Woodruff
Staff Writer

Last week professor and sculptor Kathleen Driscoll visited Longwood's campus as she installed one of Longwood's new sculptures, "Mother's Milk."

The piece took four days (Monday through Thursday) to install and is composed primarily of burlap and plaster with a plywood infrastructure beneath.

The new installation is part of the on-going sculpture series being hosted at Longwood, led by the Longwood Center for the Visual Arts and Longwood's Art department.

Other sculptures previously brought to campus range from soapstone carvings, steel structures and mixed media pieces. Johnson Bowles, director of the LCVA, hopes that the pieces will help promote thoughtful discussion among students.

Driscoll worked with her team of two assistants, first erecting the plywood construct and then in stages mixing the plaster, soaking the burlap and then draping. Each step required coordinated effort from the team and students from the art department were invited to come and assist.

Driscoll's work has predominantly been with plaster and

plaster casting, experimenting with form and the variety of shapes that cloth can take, in and out of a plaster setting.

She has done numerous pieces similar to Longwood's "Mother's Milk", the form always referencing the effect of falling water. Similar pieces have been constructed to "flow" over rocks, pour from the sky among trees, or in one outdoor installation, appear to flow over the very air itself.

In Mother's Milk, Driscoll hopes to not only reference that aspect of falling water, but that the water is also like the milk that nurtures us all, brought forth from the Earth, acting as a mother to us all.

Metaphorical connotations aside, on the simple design side of the piece, the shape of "Mother's Milk" also echoes the column structures found around campus, particularly the more modernized rectangular pillars of the Greenwood Library, where the sculpture is located.

Numerous students and professor's in the art department eagerly await the first snow this coming winter to see the change in effect of the piece in relation to the landscape.

"Mother's Milk" is planned to be left on display until 2007.

"At Table" One of Longwood's Newest Arrivals

Ellie Woodruff
Staff Writer

So have you seen it? The yellow table with writing in front of Bedford? Wondered about it at all? Congratulations, you've seen one of the new sculpture installations for Longwood's campus.

The yellow table is a contemporary piece by sculptor and art historian Brece Honeycutt. Entitled "At Table," Honeycutt has taken seemingly obscure individuals from the pages of history and used them as the center of her sculptural endeavors.

Other aspects of her work include a series of desks and copper pages viewers could turn to learn the story of Mary Elizabeth Garrett, a philanthropist who believed in educating girls in the late 19th century and spent a good deal of her inheritance towards that goal.

Brece's portrayal of figures that "history has forgotten" tends to select white women whose achievements have been nearly lost, save perhaps oblique mention in some books or by having highways, buildings and other such

structures named for them.

And like with the names of most things, few individuals dig deep to understand why a building or road might bear a certain name. Part of the excitement for Honeycutt is digging into that past and uncovering the stories she wants to bring to art-goers.



Photo Courtesy Ashley Reams

Longwood's sculpture is a piece devoted to Mary Randolph, a well-to-do woman from the Richmond area who opened a boarding house shortly after the Civil War despite the social and class issues that would arise from a woman running such an establishment.

Most notable among her achievements were the recipes she collected and compiled into one of the first cookbooks found in the Americas.

Prior to this, most cookbooks

were imported from England or other European countries and the house mistress would read the recipe to her predominantly illiterate servants.

Randolph's compilation included many of the modified recipes that would evolve from the memories of these servants and several Americanized recipes.

Honeycutt's intention with her piece "At Table" was to create that same long table environment one would find at the boarding house and then played with the surface of the piece to

incorporate several recipes—plus the evolution of food and food preparation in America through out history.

The social commentary and ramifications of such information delves deep and asks the viewer to consider many different points.

Johnson Bowles, director of the LCVA, is please with the progress of the sculpture program and the discussion it is generating among students and faculty.

Spring Weekend: Longwood Bandfest 2005

Kyle Castillo
Staff Writer

A long school year it has been. Many students have spent way too many sleepless nights dedicated to their school work, and last weekend was the school's reward for those students. Not that the weekend didn't consist of more sleepless nights, as I'm sure many of you succumbed to the temptations that a legitimized party weekend can provide.

This year's two-day bandfest event provided entertaining music, giving fuel to all those in search of a good time. The event kicked off with the acoustic punk stylings of "Shindig," who played behind Willet Gym. Much in the elk of "Dashboard Confessional," lone guitarist and vocalist Ritchie Ray primed the crowd for what was to come with his energetic yet melodic acoustic set.

Longwood's own, "Word Life," was the first to play on the small stage. The student-formed hip hop group set the pace for the evening with their catchy beats and excellent flows that sounded radio worthy.

The christening of the main stage was the duty of alternative rock group "Nada Surf." Perhaps best known for their 1998 song "Popular," the group captivated a good sized crowd with their sonic punk guitar riffs and emotionally charged vocals during the time of day that vocalist Matthew Caws referred to as the "magic hour," where the sun is almost set, casting a soft toned light over the crowd.

Nada Surf took a break from finishing their soon-to-be released album tentatively titled "Twilight Savings," in order to play at Longwood. When asked about the reasoning behind com-

ing here despite being incredibly busy, Caws stated that, "It is always fun to play a one-off show and not have to worry about a full tour. When you're recording an album, it feels like your on vacation but you're constantly busy."

According to Caws, the best part about performing in a college atmosphere is that it "seems more like real life. At a club everybody is just going out, but at a college people live there. The atmosphere is more relaxed and authentic."

This year's bandfest was an international event, with a couple of acts jumping the pond to play the show. Kevin Pearce was one of those acts. A quartet out of London, vocalist and guitarist Kevin Pearce and his band mates provided one of the highlights of the weekend, despite the fact that Pearce was hospitalized the previous evening with pneumonia. With a sound that is somewhere between Bob Dylan,

Though this was the bands first trip to the states they hope that by the next time they won't be covering the Beatles, instead they will have a following that is, "bigger than the Beatles."

The second act to fly here from Britain was poet and hip-hop artist Saul Williams. Armed with an array of insightful lyrics and backed by pulsating beats, Williams managed to rev the crowd into a rabid state, as if to remind them that this is a weekend to let go.

into the mike his philosophy on life; "It's time to party," sending

better than what felt like a summer block party. After playing classic song after classic song, Sugar Hill invited fans onto the stage to help with their finale, "Rappers Delight."

The best show that nobody saw was Richmond based jam band "Muelle," who performed their jazz infused rock in front of perhaps 20 people. They were the tightest knit band to



Members of the band Muelle

www.muelleband.com

the crowd into a sea of flying bodies that wouldn't stop until the speakers were silent.

Saturday's proceedings started early at 12 noon, with the sounds of Basic Gospel, followed by Longwood alum, Jubeus and their, "worldly rhythms and intriguing melodies."

Third place battle of the bands winner Jason Long played his acoustic set of country/ folk music. With a good voice and song writing skills, Long provided a good lead way for the country act, "PinMonkey." "PinMonkey's" slide guitars and pop-country sound captivated a large crowd and amped them up for the rest of the days events.

Richmond punk band "Forever in a Day," played a mesmerizing set showing why many believe that they will soon blow up on the national scene.

When "Sugar Hill Gang" took the stage, it seemed as if half of Farmville was there to cheer them on. Townspeople of all ages came to enjoy what was undoubtedly the premier show of the weekend. There were grandmothers dancing to the beats that founded hip-hop and toddlers reciting lyrics that were penned well before their birth. On such a beautiful afternoon nothing could have been

play this year, with melodic guitars, horns and percussion creating a very relaxed vibe. They might have drawn a larger crowd, but as one band member said, "the ghost band on the other stage must have put on a hell of a show."

The "ghost band," being referred to was created by the campus' anticipation to hear the headlining band, "Everclear." Although they were not going to play until after Muelle had completed their set, hundreds of students still gathered in front of the empty stage jockeying for position.

"Everclear" opened to a roar of applause and instantly jumped into the fray playing their version of alternative rock. After playing as a band for a while, vocalist Art Alexakis played a short solo set which included a cover of his daughter's favorite song, "Brown Eyed Girl."

While there was no flashing going on, one girl threw her field hockey jersey on stage which was quickly adorned by the bands bassist. After completing their set, a modest request from the crowd incited Everclear to return to the stage for an encore which included one of their most popular songs, "Santa Monica."

Outside of a slipup by Alexakis who called Longwood, "Linwood," Everclear completed what was an entertaining and very enjoyable weekend.



Courtesy of Will Pettus

Dave Matthews and REM, Pearce and company electrified the crowd with their original blend of classic folk harmony and what the band referred to as "British Blues."

Besides playing their original songs which the band describes as being, "good honest music," the band also covered Al Green's "Ain't no Sunshine When She's Gone," and closed their set with the Beatles', "A Day in the Life."

Carolina Heavy Metal band "Bridge" was the opening act for the headliner Andrew W.K. They played a vibrant set that was heavy and powerful, yet sounded thoughtful, much in the style of "Creed."

Andrew W.K. capped off the opening nights festivities with his patented party metal. It's pretty rare that you see a heavy metal band open up with a keyboard riff, but with Andrew W.K. nothing should surprise you. W.K. bellowed

Catch the Spirit: Brastow Newly Immersed In Economics



Photo provided by Longwood Public Relations

Ashley Dow
Longwood Public Relations

Ray Brastow did not always know that he wanted to pursue a career in teaching.

In fact, it was not until he was in front of a classroom that he

realized it was the job for him.

"I went to graduate school then to get my Ph.D. It was during that time, through an assistantship, that I realized I wanted to teach," explained Brastow. "I seemed to have a natural ability to teach and hold the students' attention. I also liked that the faculty were able to spend their entire day learning and working in their field."

As a professor in the College of Business and Economics (COBE) since 1987, Brastow has seen a lot of changes take place within the college.

"When we became nationally accredited, we had to go through many changes," stated Brastow. "We now have a lot of professors who have taught at other colleges and held jobs outside higher education."

Brastow also believes that the students in the COBE have become more passionate about

business and the faculty has been successful in helping students to achieve their academic and professional goals.

"Longwood students have become serious about their education," said Brastow. "The faculty members try to meet the students where they are academically and that helps them to succeed."

This summer Brastow will continue to immerse himself within economics, as he goes on sabbatical through the fall semester.

He accepted a temporary position with the Federal Reserve in Richmond.

There he will be working with a team of economists to study how the Federal Reserve supervises banks.

This unique opportunity will enable Brastow to gain further understanding in the field of economics.

Something he suggests students do as well.

"To be a good economist, students should read widely," explained Brastow. "Then when students think about the world they have a good view of what the world is actually doing. Economics is a fairly simple way to know what is going on with goods, markets and the economy."

Brastow is a graduate of The

University of Washington.

He previously taught at Whitman College in Walla Walla, WA.

He has been actively involved in the Farmville-Prince Edward youth soccer program and is an avid supporter of the Richmond FC soccer club of which his son, Tennant, 15, is a team member.

He enjoys spending time with his wife Onie, son, and daughter McKenzie, 12.

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Relay for Life Finds Success in Longwood's Volunteers

Caitlin Dineen
Staff Writer

Whether it was the group of walkers or the loud music that attracted so many people, Relay-for-Life took hold of Longwood on Friday, April 8.

Countless students, friends, and survivors were all working for the same cause, to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

This 12-hour event took place behind the Student Union from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

With a track marked out with wooden stakes and rope, each team had at least one representative walking at all times.

The evening was bubbling with excitement and determination to hit the goal target of \$12,000.

Longwood teams had been fundraising for several weeks to raise money.

These fundraisers included "flocking" faculty and staff with flamingos to raise money and allowing people to pay for others to be attacked by the "Polypl."

Moods grew very somber around 9 a.m. as the Luminaria Ceremony began.

Participants had the opportunity to buy a luminary in order to honor a cancer survivor or to remember a cancer victim.

Students closed around the luminaries and watched with tear-filled eyes as fellow students lit the luminary for a friend or loved one who had been affected by cancer.

At the end of the night, Relay-for-Life had raised over \$17,000 for the American Cancer Society, beating their goal by over \$5,000.

Participants packed up their belongings and took down their tents with an air of accomplishment settling behind Lankford.

Overall, it was a very rewarding event and the participation was nothing short of amazing.

For more information on how to donate money or to get involved with Relay-for-Life next year, check out the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org.

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Simpkins Lecture Given on Economic Growth Threat to Environment



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Megan McAbee
Staff Writer

On Monday, April 11, wildlife biologist gave a Simkins Lecture on how economic growth threatens the environment and nation-

al and international security.

Czech's lecture was entitled "What They Don't Tell You About Economic Growth, And Why."

Czech helped the packed auditorium understand the topic by giving a brief overview of important ideas such as production as a function of capital and labor.

"Development of major economic organizations is done by wealthy patrons, institutions and theorists," said Czech. "Our economy and society is based on production that degenerates the land."

One important fact that Czech kept returning to throughout his presentation was that students are learning not to care about the land in their economics classes.

"Students in universities are learning not to give a hoot about

land," said Czech. "[Economics] textbooks don't recognize the land," he added.

Toward the end of the evening, Czech answered the question that was on most audience members' minds.

Why do wildlife experts get into economics?

"I don't know. I hate it, but I had to because of the endangering causes," said Czech.

These causes are not important to the "who's who of the American economy," Czech said.

Czech proposed that the problem "is fundamental conflict between economic growth and wildlife conservation."

Czech left the audience members thinking as they departed the auditorium when he added: "The upshot of the conflict between economic growth and environmental conservation is that the origins of money are in

the liquidation of natural capital."

Natural capital includes land, animals and organisms.

"The future is going to depend on these things," said Czech.

At the beginning of his lecture, Czech spoke about his involvements and passions stating, "I am a very busy man." Czech has served publicly for 15 years as a certified wildlife biologist.

Currently Czech is the conservation biologist in the national office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

His duties include developing policies, goals and objectives for the National Wildlife Refuge System.

In addition, Czech is an adjunct professor at Virginia Tech and the founding president of the Center for the

Advancement of the Steady State Economy.

In his book, "Shoveling Fuel for a Runaway Train: Errant Economists, Shameful Spenders, and a Plan to Stop Them All," Czech describes his plan for a "steady state revolution," which would replace the national goal of economic growth.

Czech's lecture was the second of two Simkins Lectures this year.

Dr. Francis Butler Simkins (1897-1966) taught history at Longwood for almost 40 years and was viewed by many as an important scholar in the southern history field.

Czech's lecture was co-sponsored by the Department of Natural Sciences. For more information refer to his website www.steadystate.org.

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Athletes, Personnel Honored at Awards Banquet

Kyle Martin
Staff Writer

After all of the jump shots, goals scored, putts made, and bases stolen, the athletic teams suited up one last time to conclude the 2004-05 season with the annual awards banquet held at the Lee Grand Dining Hall. On Tuesday, more than 40 athletes, trainers, and personnel were recognized for their accomplishments and took some time to remember the life of a former player and admissions worker, Jimmy Yarborough.

Before festivities began, Yarborough was honored with a moment of silence and at the conclusion director of athletics Rick Mazzuto shared his thoughts about the former basketball star.

"Perhaps the highest praise you can give any human being is... [to say that] he or she is just a good person," Mazzuto said. "There are so many people who owe him so much...his commitment and spirit will

continue...certainly he was and is a wonderful guy..."

Yarborough, who graduated from Longwood in 1982, passed away last Thursday and still holds the men's basketball record for points in a game with 46.

During the festive affair, a variety of awards were presented for the best freshman athletes, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) coach of the year, Henry I. Willet scholar-athletes, and top honors for players of the year. Seniors Chris Balus and Marita Meldere received the male and female athlete of the year awards. Balus, who had a .361 batting average prior to yesterday's game against James Madison University, ranks eighth all-time in stolen bases with 52. Meldere finished her career by snatching a school record 1,240 rebounds and

scoring 1,522 points to finish third in all-time scoring. Softball's Ryan Washington proved her worth for the Freshman Female Athlete of the Year award, arriving late in uni-

Walton (cross-country) received the Henry I. Willet Scholar-Athlete award with their respective 3.87 and 3.80 grade point averages. Finally, lacrosse head coach Janet Grubbs took home the SAAC Coach of the Year award with a current record of 10-2 and a victory against #20 William & Mary.

Perhaps the most emotional and inspirational part of the evening occurred during the senior salute. Each head coach honored their graduating class with the gift of warmth by presenting them with personalized blankets as tears were shed and hugs were shared between the coaches and their athletes.

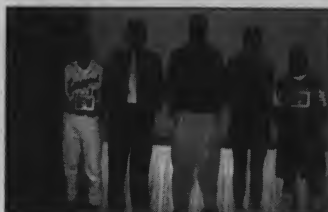
Besides handing out plaques and blankets, Dr. Wayne McWee, vice president for academic affairs, parted some of his wisdom through his days as a player, coach, and umpire through his speech encouraging players and coaches to demonstrate profes-

sional sportsmanship.

After an electrifying evening of emotion and praise was given to honor Longwood's best players, Mazzuto took time to reassure everyone of the athletic program's progress towards Division I status.

"We're in a completely different level of competition and the students and athletes are a big part of making that happen," Mazzuto said. "This is an extraordinary time to be here...In the next five years over 100 million dollars in construction will occur [on campus] and that does not include athletics...We've made a lot of changes and improvements."

Construction for the new soccer and artificial turf complex began last Saturday across from the golf course, according to Mazzuto. After a roller-coaster year of highs and lows for the athletic teams, the common bond of the games allows for the teams to get together and celebrate their work.



Athletes honored at banquet

Photo Courtesy of Longwood Sports Information

form after aiding her team to two wins against Liberty in a double-header during the afternoon. Basketball's Lamar Barrett wrapped up the men's accolade averaging 9.7 points per game and 4.9 rebounds per game in his freshman campaign. Awarded for academic excellence and exceptional play, seniors Stuart Bertsch (soccer) and Jessica

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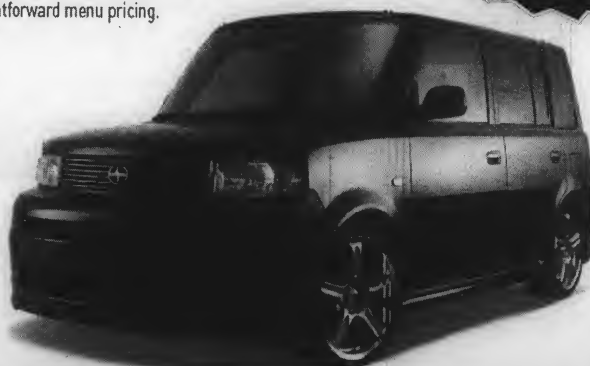
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Tennis Player Teaches the Game, Learns About Life

Steve Reeves
Staff Writer

Surrounded by uncertainty and facing an empty wallet, sophomore Rashko Patnikov survived last summer with the help of a simple game: tennis. It was exactly a year ago this week that the Bulgarian native found himself wondering what would be of his summer in the United States. Not able to afford the pricey ticket to fly home, Patnikov was left to make a decision. "Flying is very expensive, I pay for everything here," Patnikov said. Instead of spending his summer relaxing at the beach, Patnikov needed to get a job. He found himself doing what many do when they find themselves in a bind: he phoned a friend.

Patnikov's family friend knew of the perfect summer job for him as a tennis instructor in Brooklyn, New York. As it unfolded, a Bulgarian tennis coach established her own school of tennis instruction and was looking for an assistant. Without delay, Patnikov agreed to the summer position and two weeks later found himself on a Greyhound headed from

Farmville to the Big Apple.

He recalls the feeling he had when he got on that bus like stepping onto a frozen pond with no true comprehension of just how thick the ice was. "I took my bags to New York City and just took a chance," Patnikov stated. Upon his arrival he was met by his fellow Bulgarian and owner of the school of tennis instruction.

A family, which made up a portion of her clientele base, agreed to house Patnikov for the summer, in exchange for a few extra tennis lessons, and so began his up at six and to the courts by seven routine.

For the next 22 days, Patnikov recalls some regularity in the schedule he kept, assisting in the teaching of a wealthy clientele base, ranging from small children to senior citizens. His teaching included components of the game of tennis such as proper service technique, as well as lobbing, and back and forth returns among others. His somewhat secure, but hardly lucrative summer livelihood all came crashing down three weeks into his New York excursion.

He remembers the

morning of May 22nd quite vividly, awaking to hear that his



Rashko Patnikov

Photo courtesy of Longwood Sports Information

presence with the family was to be discontinued, and that he needed to look for other living arrangements for the remainder of the summer. Humbly, he packed his bags and went to the only place where he could truly call home, the tennis court. It seemed like the weight of the world was on his six foot-five frame that day. Pondering the situation, Patnikov knew that what could easily be the most famous city

in the world, could also be one of the most dangerous and now, literally homeless, he recognized that once again he would have to make a tough decision.

He began the day with a teaching lesson with Yevgeny Pisarevski, a Ukrainian dental surgeon who lived in the city. Cognitively, Patnikov waited for the perfect moment to tell of his troubles. "And that's when you say to yourself, something must happen now," Patnikov stated. Moments later he did just that, spilling his situation to the Ukrainian man. "I have nowhere to live, I'm on the street, can you help me?" asked Patnikov. No more than thirty seconds later the man relieved Patnikov of his worry, saying, "Sure, you can come live with me for the summer."

To Patnikov, the series of events unfolded, "Like a movie." After the duo exited the courts in Pisarevski's brand new Mercedes, Patnikov recalled himself standing in what could have been, "One of the nicest apartments in all of Brooklyn." Equipped with three plasma screen televisions as well as a view of the beach that could put a smile on the most stoned of

faces, Patnikov could not believe his luck. The very next day he received a phone call from his boss, informing him that his services would no longer be needed, but at this point, Patnikov did not care.

He spent the remaining two months of summer in the presence of the dental surgeon Pisarevski and his fiancé, a New York attorney. Patnikov eventually found more work as a tennis instructor, this time in New Jersey. What amounted to a slightly different schedule of up at five and to Penn Station by seven, Patnikov hopped an Amtrak train to New Jersey where he began lessons at nine every morning.

When the transportation filled summer finally ended, Patnikov found his way back to the Greyhound station where he arrived three months before. For fifty dollars he grabbed a ticket back to Farmville, ready to assume the role of the student athlete and leave the tennis teaching for another day. As his 2005 school year comes to a close, Patnikov is looking forward to his trip down to Atlanta, where he will be working for the summer as a tennis instructor, of course.

Grand Finale: Lancers Get First-Ever Win Against JMU

Jimmy Vickers
Staff Writer

For the first time in school history, the Longwood Lancers defeated the Dukes of James Madison University (JMU) in come-from-behind fashion. For the eighth time, the Lancers and Dukes faced of this past Tuesday on senior day.

Longwood battled back from a 4-0 deficit to claim its first come-from-behind victory of the season against JMU. The game was scoreless until the top of the third inning when JMU second baseman Michael Cowgill hit a bases loaded triple to put JMU up 3-0. The Dukes added another

run in the third to lead 4-0.

The Lancers answered in the bottom of the fourth with freshman right fielder Louis Ullrich's solo shot over the right centerfield wall, his third of the season. Ullrich was the offensive highlight for the Lancers as he went 2-4 with an r.b.i. and two runs.

"Louis's big homerun in the fourth was very critical. It was the key offensive play of the game," head coach Buddy Bolding said. "We were pinned down and not able to get up," Bolding said, "but he [Louis] got up and that woke everybody else up."

The Dukes scored one run in the top of the fifth, but the Lancers exploded for four runs in the bottom half of the inning and tied the game at 5-5. Longwood scored one more run in the sixth to go ahead for good.

Sophomore Brett Mangigian came in to relieve sophomore starting pitcher Brian McCullough in the sixth inning and earned his second win of the season. McCullough was charged for all five of the Dukes' runs, while Mangigian pitched three and two-thirds scoreless innings and gave up only two hits.

"I felt no pressure out there;

I felt great," Mangigian said, "There wasn't a single pitch that didn't work for me."

Before the first pitch, Longwood honored senior players Chris Balus, Robert Gillis, and Brett Mooney by thanking them for their dedication to the program.

Longwood centerfielder Balus said, "It was really nice to win my last game here at Longwood. We're a young team, it was great for us to be able to bounce back and win this game on senior day," Balus said. Balus went 1-4 with one r.b.i. and scored a run.

"It meant a lot to get the

victory today; we all really wanted to win this one for our seniors," Mangigian said.

After Tuesday's come from behind victory, the Lancers are now 10-8 in their last 18 games and 14-23 overall.

"We have a lot of improving to do, this is going to be a long process," Bolding said. "It won't be pretty, but we will have some glimmering moments."

The Lancers will finish the remainder of their schedule on the road, starting with a double header next Tuesday against VCU.


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Ruffner Rededication Marks New Era in Longwood History

Bobbi Thibo
Editor-In-Chief

Saturday, April 23, marked the beginning of a new era in Longwood's history. The rededication of Ruffner Hall and the Rotunda was held at 11 a.m. on the lawn in front of the reconstructed building, whose original was destroyed in the biggest fire of Longwood's history on April 24, 2001.

The number of people in attendance was overwhelming. The crowd consisted of alumnus, faculty, staff, students, families and citizens of Farmville, and they represented all parts of the country.

Lucy Clark, class of 1952, traveled from Staten Island, NY to honor her alma mater. The ceremony had more than one emotional attachment for Clark.

"As a child, I lived on Pine Street, and it's gone now. It's a very nostalgic thing to see Brock Commons," she said.

The beginning of the cere-

mony was marked as the Longwood University ROTC raised the flag over the Rotunda.

Dr. Carolyn Wells, former professor of Biology and vice president for Academic Affairs

good luck and the night time visits from students who "kept me [the step] from being lonely."

"[The most emotional part of the ceremony] was the speech by Dr. Wells," said Professor of English Dr. Craig Challender. "After you put a certain number of years in somewhere, spirit of place means something more than just a phrase."

Other speakers included Barry Case from the Board of Visitors, Dean of Arts and Sciences Dr. David Cordle, Senator John Chichester, and President Patricia Cormier.

Cormier was held in the highest regard during Saturday's ceremony, and her persistence in completing the reconstruction of the building was applauded and praised. Wells described Cormier as "one who never wavered in her determination to restore our Rotunda."

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Class representatives cut ribbon at the Ruffner/Rotunda rededication.

Photo by Ashley Dow

Alice Thomas, class of 1991, sang The Star-Spangled Banner, and the official opening of the rededication began with the ringing of the Longwood bell.

The bell, which now resides in Greenwood Library, originally sat on top of South Ruffner. It was rung four times, once for each year since the fire that consumed the historic building.

for who worked for Longwood for 40 years, took the crowd through the building's history with her speech entitled "Once Upon a Time."

During her speech, emotions were at a high as Wells reminisced, from the voice of the steps of the Rotunda, about the singing at Christmas, the freshmen who rubbed the steps for

SGA Holds Student Interest Forum

Courtney Stewardson
Staff Writer

On Tuesday April 19th, the Student Government Association held a forum to have a better idea of concerns from students and what SGA officials need to work on in the next term.

Concerns ranged from keeping Longwood a smoking campus and getting vital information out to students in better ways, to helping all of the clubs and organizations on campus achieve better communication.

The SGA voiced concerns about students lacking involvement in the student government and that this lack of participation was due to unawareness on behalf of the student

body. Despite many flyers and questionnaires on LU connect, many students still are not aware of what is going on on the campus around them.

Kristen Casalenuovo, SGA President for next term said, "The new SGA is planning an initiative that will drastically improve correspondence between the student body and the SGA."

Ideas for improving awareness were such things like having WMLU, the campus radio station, broadcasting from the speakers on Brock Commons and having important dates, times and meetings announced.

LU connect is another source for information, but it remains untapped for many Longwood students because they either don't know it exists or they don't know how to use it. SGA is going to re-

launch the LU Connect website in hopes of using it as a source of student interaction between each other and the SGA.

Stephanie Mancuso, current SGA Publicity chair, secretary for next term, made it apparent that her main concern for the following term was to better organize clubs, organizations, and Greek life, so that they have better means of communication. "Too often club and organizational meetings or events are overlapping each other," Mancuso said, stressing her reason for wanting a better system for information exchange between on-campus clubs.

As part of the SGA initiative, a newsletter will be developed that will allow all Longwood organizations to communicate about their upcoming events in hopes that scheduling will improve, and stu-

dent participation will improve because they will be more knowledgeable in campus events.

Overall, SGA is looking for more student involvement. The council is supposed to act as a smaller version of our student body and represent all students in matters concerning Longwood administration, Casalenuovo said. Students rarely know when they can be heard, which was apparent by the dozen students present at the forum. Because students don't know when to participate or how, the student body often goes unheard, and SGA is left with the responsibility and blame for matters that concern everyone on campus, said Kyle Pretsch, senator.

Last Words From Your Opinion Editor



When I first walked into *The Rotunda* office, a young woman

greeted me and asked me if I was interested in working for the newspaper.

I was, and she asked me if I was interested in sports or news.

I said no, that I would rather have an editorial column that I could feel free to write about what I wanted.

Then, that woman told me that I could have an entire page, and I became the Opinion Editor for *The Rotunda* my freshman year.

That woman turned out to be none other than Amy Whipple, who has since become one of my closest friends.

That first year was excellent, layout night meant pizza and South Park, Daily Show, deserts

from Charley's and a good time all around.

Except when the computers crashed on a regular basis, that sucked big time.

I felt like *The Activist*, the section specifically designed for students to speak to their community about anything they felt needed to be said was a great idea.

Sadly, the submissions to this section were far and few between, and I found myself writing *The Activist* every single week.

The letters to the Editor were not much better either.

But I kept my head up, and decided that if I kept writing, eventually I would piss someone off enough for them to write back.

In my head, this was a brilliant plan.

To my dismay, replies weren't as numerous as I had hoped.

The year closed out and we all went back home for the summer.

I left knowing that I had helped make our school's newspaper better.

Now, it seems another year has come and gone.

And with it, a slew of changes.

The newspaper office as of late has not been without turmoil, several editors have quit, along with Amy's unexpected resignation.

I think I speak for all of us when I say we were sad to see her leave.

By far, the best memory I have with *The Rotunda* is Amy, Shawn, and I standing on the loading platform outside, smoking cigarettes and complaining about just about everything.

For almost two years, every Wednesday night, we stood on that platform behind the Student Union and watched this campus change.

We watched Brock Commons grow from a mud hole to a, well, an above parking garage mud hole.

I'm sure you've also noticed the sporadic placement of swamp and (or lack of proper drainage) and thought just as I did, that there is no excuse for poor drainage on a

project that big.

What a huge ordeal that was.

Remember those ugly orange flags?

The one's trying to stifle smoker's rights?

Didn't that go well?

Hopefully, the basement of Ruffner won't leak.

Speaking of Ruffner, the opening was a success, aside from the rain.

I hope you got to see the hundreds of tables and chairs that were between Grainger and Lancaster.

They looked especially creepy at night, like some kind of abstract table art.

Anyway, as I said before, Longwood is changing.

This University is going D1, and there seems to be no stop to Longwood's outward progression.

A common joke among friends of mine is that Longwood's motto is, "Under Construction".

Jokes aside, I can honestly say that I am not sure if this is now the same school I fell in love with two years ago.

I am sure, however, that this newspaper is not the same either.

As a volunteer newspaper, *The*

Rotunda needs any student who is willing to help.

Without you, this newspaper is nothing.

I have tried my hardest to encourage people to submit stories, articles, even a CD review is helpful.

I'm sure that by now, if in fact you're still reading this nostalgic stream of conscience, that you're wondering why I have taken the Editorial Section for this last week of publication.

The reason being is that I have decided to resign from *The Rotunda*.

I feel as though I have done all that I can, and now I wish to pursue other extra-curricular activities in place of this.

My time here has had its fair shares of ups and downs, good times and bad, serious things that I felt needed to be said, and stories about goldfish named Jesus.

If you've been reading, then thank you.

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Letters to The Editor

Dear Editor,
I'm writing to address a situation that has concerned me since my first day on campus, when I was told that it is safer to drive when I'm drunk, than it is to walk back to campus after drinking at some party.

The Farmville and Longwood police target students whom walk home while intoxicated, scaring many students into getting behind the wheel in order to avoid any potential run-ins with the local or campus authorities.

When I arrived on campus, my orientation leader assured me that, even if I was sober, any act of clumsiness on the street could easily lead to me being harassed by Longwood police for suspected intoxication.

Is this really okay? Farmville and Longwood police preying on the very people for whom they are paid to protect.

I mean seriously, what the hell is going on here: According to

MADD, 44 percent of college students confirmed that they binge drink. So in a college town that consists of very little to do, other than get wasted at the nightly fraternity parties; a town that is devoid of any late night transit system, I would think that cops would rather see you walk home from the bar or the party than to get behind the wheel of your car and risk the lives of those in the car and all those people that cross your path. Why should I drive in a town that is five miles wide if I am wasted when I could just walk to the dorms? I have even known people that, because of this asinine policy, have driven home drunk, parked their car, and gotten picked up by campus police while walking from whatever parking lot to their dorms. This is ridiculous!!

And don't assume this is the rantings of a binge-drinking college student. Many of my friends

have fallen victim to this ass-backwards policy that favors those who place others' lives in their own drunken hands.

After successfully walking home after a party while wasted, one of my teammates had an asthma attack in her dorm room. When her RA called for an ambulance the campus police showed up. After going to the hospital and getting checked out, my now partially sober friend was told that she could leave. Assuming that it was safe to do so, she exited the hospital only to be greeted by a Farmville police officer who charged her with being drunk in public.

Another example of police harassment is a friend of mine who has been kicked out of Longwood twice after being picked up by Longwood Police

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The Art of Apathy

Joseph McCoy
Guest Writer

I've seen them around campus and so have you. You do a double take and then you move on. But I'm sick of moving on when every time I turn around, there's a new "sculpture" littering the campus. Bad enough we've got more pavement than grass, do we really need to clutter the lawn space we have with ugly and unintelligible sculptures?

That's right -unintelligible. These stupid things are supposed to promote conversation on campus? Right. One of people babbling about how they don't understand. They don't understand the point, the meaning and above all the purpose of these pieces -so why should Longwood's art department and the Longwood Center for the Visual Arts waste their money?

I think these art works have some use, sure. As running jokes. And I can appreciate that Longwood wants to introduce us to "contemporary sculpture." But give me a break. Most students aren't even familiar with classical sculpture -you want them to have some appreciation for contemporary stuff? How do you explain a poorly con-

structed yellow table to be art? How do you justify spending money on something that looks like a giant mop? Is this what Longwood is after? Would you call the resulting pissy rantings of one person the goal of these sculptures? Is this "discussion?"

No. By asking Longwood's students to understand and appreciate these "art pieces," you're asking them to step into the middle of a long conversation and try to figure out what everyone is talking about. The students here don't have the basis in art to understand what's being done -and rather than work to learn, they're going to step up and not care. Apathy, after all, is far easier than education.

I guess it's not the art department's fault that the rest of the student body doesn't care. However, don't delude yourself that the confusion you generate is in some way educational. I've had three years of failing Spanish to know that confusion doesn't necessarily equal eventual comprehension. And what can you expect from students who are con-

interested in padding their resumes rather than expanding their horizons? A paycheck goes a lot further than any sort of personal growth would.

So congrats, Longwood. I'm impressed that you've redirected funds away from students in your own art department to try and reach out to people who didn't have an interest in you in the first place -and will continue not to. I can respect you had some lofty goals with this project. But you're swinging and missing with each new piece to hit the grass. Why fritter away your funds on weak art? Things that people can't find approachable? You're going for quantity over quality and that greed is killing the "conversation" you're trying to generate.

Hats off to you, sculpture committee. Maybe you can claim that the baffled expressions of students when they look at your selected pieces elevate the sculptures to performance art.

Of course...

That's assuming you can explain to your students what performance art is.

other universities Longwood doesn't have programs like drunk buses.

When asked about this policy, Longwood campus police simply commented, "don't drink." Well, yeah that makes sense, but for people living in the realm of reality, drinking goes hand-in-hand with the college experience, but getting arrested shouldn't.

What is the excuse offered by these police officers for their picking up responsible kids that decide to walk when drunk?

They say that "everyone is sue happy" so to protect their own asses, the powers that be at Longwood have simply decided to screw their students into criminal records.

So what is the moral of my story? Thanks to Longwood cops, everything I was taught in high school is actually wrong: drunk driving IS ok because I am safer driving while so wasted I can barely stand, than I am to try to walk home.

-Anonymous

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multiple times for walking while drunk-- Why was he walking? Because we are all taught to use our feet instead of a rolling bullet when we are drunk.

But oh no, not here. When cops stake out parties waiting for those stumbling students, or wait outside hospitals, or pick you up when walking two blocks between your house and the bar, they are pretty much telling the students to drive drunk.

The Farmville Area Bus stops running at 6:00 PM and unlike

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The Rotunda would like to encourage anyone and everyone to submit props and drops to rotunda@longwood.edu

Props:

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- + To late night study parties.
- + To the end of the year!!!!

Drops:

- To being sick during exam week.
- To the SGA, for continuing to let students down.
- To people who can't go 3 hours without eating dead chicken.
- To parking tickets.

Speak Out

Do you think Longwood should become a smoke-free campus? Why or why not?

- No. If Longwood does become smoke-free campus what is going to stop someone from smoking away? Since when does a public university have less freedoms than a jail?

- Sara Saunders



- I don't think Longwood should be smoke free because it would not be fair to those who do smoke unless there was a sperate area created for smokers.

- Emma Hendey



- No. It's a violation of smoker's rights. Smokers just need to learn to be more considerate and to throw away their cigarette butts

- Jessica Watkins



- No. It's taking away people's rights. We can't be penalized for something as small as smoking.

-Bo Tucker



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Parking Provisions Being Made: Change May Mean Higher Fees for Students

Bobbi Thibo
Editor-In-Chief

The details of the parking situation for next semester are in the process of being laid out, and many changes are to come for Longwood students, faculty and staff. According to Chief of Police Charles Lowe, the university is looking at a "pretty radical situation."

Major changes are in store for residential students. Starting in the fall semester, residential parking lot decals will no longer be divided by class. Instead, all on-campus sophomores, juniors and seniors will share residential lots. According to Lowe, having the decal separations takes up unnecessary space and combining the residential students is best way to utilize the resources that are available to the institution.

Another major change for on-campus students will be the location of their new lots.

The plan is to move all residential parking toward the south end of the campus, near Wynne.

Because they anticipate negative reaction from some of the residential students, the administration is already working on a plan to alleviate the problems that come along with far-off parking lots. The university is working with the Farmville Area Bus (FAB) in an attempt to set up a system of "shuttling" students from the parking lots to their destinations, similar to the system set up by other major institutions including James Madison University. They are also planning to rezone parking around the residence halls for loading and unloading.

The biggest issue that is going to hit students is the financing end of the new parking plan. This past year, a law was passed by Virginia legislature stating that parking on college and university campuses

has to pay for itself. According to Lowe, Longwood's parking fees do not pay for the parking expenses, and it hasn't for a while. Therefore, the only way to raise the money to accommodate the need for parking is to raise the parking fees.

Although the exact prices of parking decals for next year is yet to be established, the administration is currently looking at a figure in between \$200- \$235 per year.

In order to make this information available to the student body, a slide show explaining the financing aspect of the parking situation will soon be available on the SGA website. A proposed parking space allocation map with be posted on the parking webpage in the near future. This map is a back up plan in order to prepare for the worst-case scenario that the rezoning will not be completed by the start of the fall semester. For further information, visit the Longwood website or con-

CHI Recognizes Longwood Community

Caitlin Dineen
Staff Writer

Students, faculty, and families gathered on Friday April 22nd behind Wygal Hall to see a sacred Longwood tradition: Chi Burning. During the ceremony, seniors in Chi reveal their hidden identities to the school and commend students and faculty for their contributions to the community throughout the year.

As the members of Chi walked into the circle, the audience spotted the members who they guessed were part of the organization and those who shocked the viewers by coming forward. As members Amber Groves, Mark Rutherford, Tiffany Graves, Sarah Woitesheck, James Burnett, Josh Elder, Jeremy Nuckols, Justin Wilkes, Amy Cristofano, Nicole Roach, and Laura Mayhew took their places, the crowd grew silent to listen to what they had to say.

Chi commended about 70 to 75 students and faculty, to the roaring approval of the audience. Commended students appeared stunned to be one of the select few to receive a commendation,

which is considered one of the highest honors anyone can receive at Longwood. Each senior member took time to recognize these individuals with a short summary of why they were deserving of the commendation.

The Chi Burning is an event that occurs every year and brings the entire student body together. Whether people come out to every Chi Walk or wait until the end of the year to see the Chi Burning, the entire student body has an appreciation for all that Chi brings to campus. It brings a sense of mystery and pride due to its overwhelming respect on campus. No matter where you go Chi is there. Between the gorgeous fountain in front of the Student Union to the blue rotundas all over campus, the idea of Chi is the foundation of this institution.

As inscribed on the Chi fountain "Chi is an ideal always sought but never attained. It is the spirit found in the hearts and minds of those who seek its real purpose." Chi is more than being a leader and figure on campus. It is about taking the extra step to have blood that bleeds a blue and white spirit.

Congratulations!

The Following Members of the Longwood Community Were Recognized by CHI for Their Leadership and Contributions:

Stuart Bertsch	Hilary Palmer	Mr. Jeremy Lucas	Kimberly
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"There is simply no telling how this story would have unfolded without the guidance, perseverance and sheer grit of Patty Cormier," Wells stated.

According to Cormier, Saturday's dedication was a "promise fulfilled."

"The morning after the fire I pledged to rebuild The Rotunda and the Ruffner to their former glory. So many generations of alumni and current students were impacted by the devastation of our beloved signature buildings that I knew I had to do this. With the superb team of so many individuals on campus, with support from the Virginia General Assembly and the Governor's office, with cooperation from the myriad agencies involved in both the clean up and

rebuilding, I was able to keep my promise," Cormier stated. "This has been one of the most significant achievements in my forty years in higher education."

The ribbon was cut by students, faculty and staff, including alumnus representatives from the classes of 1931 through 2008. Both the original and updated versions of the alma mater were sung by Tiffany Graves, class of 2005.

Following the ceremony, the doors were opened for self-guided tours of the new building followed by lunch and an outside reception. Numerous guests cut off small sections of the ribbon, and many of the children enjoyed ringing the Longwood bell.

Ruffner Hall and the Rotunda will be open for daily operation for fall semester 2005.

April / May

FRI	29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Company of Dancers Spring Concert, Jarman, 7:30 p.m., \$3 ▶ Opera Workshop Performance, Molnar Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.
SAT	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Company of Dancers Spring Concert, Jarman, 7:30 p.m., \$3 ▶ Community Achievement in the Arts Award, LCVA, 6 p.m.
SUN	01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Midnight Breakfast
MON	02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ MWF 8 a.m. class, 8 a.m. exam ▶ MWF 9 a.m. class, 11:30 a.m. exam ▶ MWF 10 a.m. class, 3 p.m. exam ▶ MWF 6:15 p.m. or later class, 6:30 p.m. exam
TUES	03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ TR 12:30 p.m. class, 8 a.m. exam ▶ TR 2 p.m. class, 11:30 a.m. exam ▶ Conflicts and Makeups, 3 p.m. exam ▶ TR 5:30 p.m. and Tues. evening class, 6:30 p.m. exam
WED	04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ MWF 2 p.m. class, 8 a.m. exam ▶ MWF 3 p.m. class, 11:30 a.m. exam ▶ MWF 4 p.m. class, 3 p.m. exam ▶ MW 5:30 p.m. and Wed. evening class, 6:30 p.m. exam
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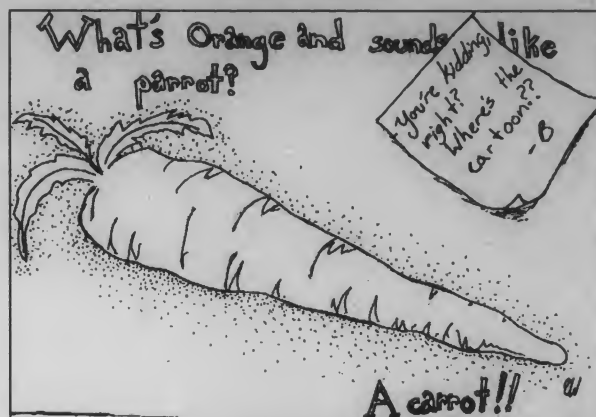
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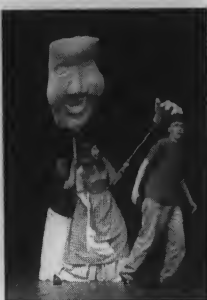
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Sing Down the Moon: Appalachian Wonder Tales

Hope Hollenbeck
Staff Writer

"Sing Down the Moon: Appalachian Wonder Tales," Longwood Theatre Department's final show of the year brought to life Mary Hall Surface's collection of children's folklore from April 20-24. The cast of 14 students allowed for diverse characters, costume changes and props, resulting in non-stop entertainment.

The play was divided into six folk tales: Jack and the Wonder Bean, Catskins, Jack's First Job, The Sow and Her Three Pigs, Jack of Hearts and King Marock, and The Enchanted Tree. Easily recognizable to both children and adults in the audience were the tales of Jack and the Wonder



The ever-popular giant scene from "Jack and The Wonder Bean."

Photo by Ashley Rooms

Bean (Jack and the Beanstalk) and The Sow and Her Three Pigs (The Three Little Pigs).

The entire cast joined in song at the beginning of the play to preview of what the viewers could expect to see. Then the play unfolded into each of the six tales, often introduced with a song, beginning with Jack and the Wonder Bean. In order to obtain their treasures and return home with them, Jack would have to get past the giant and his wife who dwelled at the top of the beanstalk. Cleverly, the tale used puppetry to depict the giant's wife. To make the giant look larg-

er than life, one actor held oversized hands attached to broom sticks and another actor behind hoisted up a giant puppet head.

The Sow and Her Three Pigs was perhaps the most audience engaged, with one of the three pigs weaving in and out of the audience to escape the hands of the hungry fox. The fox began to eat the pigs one by one until being outsmarted by "Nancy," the pig whose house of steel

proved strongest.

"I really thought they portrayed the houses in the Three Little Pigs very well, which also was the funniest play," said attending sophomore Bea Huie. The image of death throughout the play was done in the best way possible, by incorporating humor, assuring that the key audience members (children) were taken into consider-

ation. In The Sow and Her Three Pigs death was shown by putting a halo on and joining the sow on a flight of stairs.

To conclude the play and the last tale, gold coins were thrown into the audience and were gathered excitedly by children.

The interchangeable set along with the accompaniment of an orchestra made the play a delight for all who attended. The play was "very entertaining and humorous," Huie said. "I enjoyed all of the tales although I thought the last tale could have been shortened slightly. All of the actors were phenomenal."

Longwood Company of Dancers' Spring Show "Stompin on Clouds" Will Be Held April 29-30

Janet Jones
Assistant Editor

This coming Friday and Saturday the Longwood Company of Dancers will perform their spring concert at 7:30 p.m. in Jarman Auditorium. These dances will range from tap to hip-hop, and modern to ballet.

These 18 students have been practicing every afternoon in Lancer dance studio, located in Willet Hall, to prepare for these two nights. Their dance instructor, Rodney Williams, has guided and supported these students throughout the year.

Williams is an educator, choreographer, singer and dancer. He is nationally acclaimed and has received many awards in his field.

Williams has arranged guest performers and five of the dances to be performed are modern pieces choreographed by him. The other 12 of the 17 dances were choreographed by Longwood students in the dance company. These dances will be performed to songs by musicians such as Frank Sinatra, Lenny Kravitz, Rusty Roots, Rolling Stones and Madonna, to name a few.

Monet Salvatore, a junior in the dance company who will be performing this weekend, feels that people should come because, "It's going to be a great night of entertainment. A lot of people on our campus don't realize that they probably know someone in the company. I don't think people realize how much time and effort we put

much time and effort we put company he had the idea for "Stomping on Clouds," but the rest of the company did not agree. However, Rodney promised Hallberg that he would ensure the title was implemented his last semester dancing here.

The company will also hold a children's show at 10 a.m. on Friday before their show. This is only one of the events the company hosts for the children of

Farmville. The members want to promote the art of dancing and share their love for it to others.

This weekend is only one of the events that the company puts on throughout the year. Annually they also have

"It's going to be a great night of entertainment. A lot of people on our campus don't realize that they probably know someone in the company. I don't think people realize how much time and effort we put forth, and this would be an opportune time for them to see everything we do." - Monet Salvatore

an Oktoberfest concert in the Lancer dance studio and a fall concert performed in Jarman auditorium.

In order to become a member of the dance company you must attend the audition held once a year in the fall.

Admission to the spring concert will be \$3 and all proceeds go toward helping the company with costume and production costs. For more information on the company you can visit their website at <http://www.longwood.edu/staff/williamsrl/>.

"Stomping on Clouds," the title of the concert, was actually chosen by one of the dancers. When Hallberg first joined the

Food collection for FACES

To support the mission of FACES, the local food pantry, Longwood Theatre collected food during the performances of the last production, Sing Down the Moon: Appalachian Wonder Tales.

We would like to extend this initiative by offering you the opportunity to help FACES with your contribution of food from your room that you do not want to move home with you at the end of the semester.

You can either bring your food contributions to the Jarman lobby any time between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays between now and May 13 or deposit them in the boxes located in your dorm.

It would be a very nice gesture for the community! Thanks for your support.

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Catch The Spirit: Lynn a Master of Music



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Ashley Dow
Staff Writer

As a young boy, William Lynn spent a lot of his time at Longwood. He attended the first grade in the Hiner Building and frequently helped his father, a piano technician, tune pianos in the music depart-

ment. This experience marked the beginning of Lynn's life-long interest in music.

Lynn serves as the multimedia supervisor for the university. In this capacity he provides technical support for commencement, conferences and special events. He also works with many student groups and professors to produce music. Lynn says that he loves working with students and music but knew early in his career that he was not going to be a performance musician.

"It took me a year of piano lessons to learn the basics. I also played the french horn," said Lynn. "But I decided that I was not a good musician so I needed to be in a music support position."

Born and raised in Farmville,

Lynn graduated from Prince Edward Academy. He then moved to Lynchburg to take college classes, but soon found he missed living and working in a small town.

"In Lynchburg I found that there were a lot of things to do but I did not have the money to do them," explained Lynn. "I realized that the activities I enjoyed doing the most were simple and not the big exciting things found in larger cities."

Lynn left Farmville again thanks to Uncle Sam. In 1972 he joined the United States Coast Guard and performed small boat search and rescue operations for eight years. When he returned from the military he still wanted to be involved with music. He helped his father run Lynn's

Music Center on 3rd Street in downtown Farmville.

"The store just had pianos," said Lynn. "I was curious about other instruments so I started volunteering in the theatre department at Longwood."

There Lynn helped to build production sets and produced the sound for the Miss Longwood Pageant and commencement. He found that he really enjoyed working on the sets and helping out the technical director.

"I brought the first wireless microphone to Farmville in 1986," stated Lynn. "It was for the pageant."

After the death of his father, Lynn was the only one who could tune the pianos and run the store. He decided it would be best if he

closed the store. Shortly after, Lynn began working full-time at Longwood.

Lynn spends a lot of his free time listening to music and working on his beloved 1929 Mercedes Gazelle, named Randolph Scott. He built the car from a kit he purchased and chose the car's name for its regal sound.

"When I got the kit I had to do all the wiring, upholstery and lights," stated Lynn. "There were instructions but they were vague. The car is still a work in progress."

Lynn has continued to spread his love of music as the voice of Sunday morning radio in Farmville. Since 1994 he has hosted the famed 7a.m. easy listening show on WFLC.

Residence Hall Staff Changing at Longwood

Naomi Pearson
Staff writer

Not many weeks after the last student has left for the semester, the Residential and Education Coordinators (REC) of four residence halls will be leaving as well.

Chris Cotner of the Cunninghams, Rachel Amos of Cox/Wheeler, and Melissa Lucas of Frazer are moving on after three years of service to the Longwood University community. Sarah Whitley, mid-semester replacement for Curry, is also departing.

While this news may come as a surprise to many students, Larry Robertson, the director of Residential and Commuter Life said that he knew they would be leaving soon.

Robertson explained that the job of an REC is very demanding and requires a tremendous time commitment although it is considered an entry-level position, but "we won't have difficulty finding people to fill those slots." Three years as an REC is considered an average term for

the around-the-clock, seven days of work, year-round position.

Amos, in addition to teaching freshman seminar classes, has worked closely with SAFE, as a Judicial Board advisor and in New Student Programs. Lucas also taught Longwood Seminar while being involved in Student Wellness, the Student Union and as the academic advisor for undeclared students.

Cotner has been the advisor for the Residence Hall Association, Unity Alliance, and the Hockey club. Whitley worked in the office New Student and Leadership Programs before jumping in midway as the REC for Curry.

All four are not just stepping out, but stepping up in their careers. Whitley plans to return to school for graduate

studies, while Lucas is returning to her home state of Florida to take a position as an assistant director of housing or perhaps, academic advising. Amos is the new Coordinator of Orientation and Family Programs at a university in New Jersey. Cotner plans to stay nearby as he moves up,

although he toys with the idea of instead driving a tractor-trailer or opening a bakery to sell frosting and candy covered sugar cookies.

Among the hardest things for them to leave behind are the students.

"I can't walk from Cox to the D-Hall without seeing people I know," said Amos. "Longwood students are helpful and friendly." She added that she is always struck by their kindness. "And my RAs are the number one people I will miss hands-down."

"The students are just nice,"

Lucas agreed. "They're driven to make a difference on campus and better themselves as individuals."

They said that they have really enjoyed their time at Longwood, learning a lot from the experience. They are taking more than just good memories with them. As Cotner said, it's the "knowledge I've helped people grow, and touched people's lives." Conversely, they have reached out and touched him too, he said, making a difference in his life.

"It's rewarding to help anyone I can, helping them to develop as people and professionals," said Lucas. She lamented the fact that they can never touch every student, but hoped that they will have left something positive.

As they prepared to say their good-byes to the Longwood community, they expressed their hope for the future of the students and institution.

"I'm excited for you guys," Amos said. She considered all the new construction and the rebuilt Rotunda, and added, "I think this is a new era for you.

It's going to be Longwood again."

"Recapture and rebuild the Longwood spirit," said Cotner. "After the fire it was kind of lagging, but it's on the rise."

"I'd love to come back in five years and see all the changes and to keep in touch," Lucas said. "I'm excited to see what they do with their lives."

Their parting messages to Longwood were simple.

Lucas said, "I hope for success and happiness for Longwood in its changes." She just wants to know that that their successors are good and protective of the staff and students. "I don't want to hear that they can't co-operate and that everyone hates each other and are miserable."

"Consider the impact of a rumor or gossip on someone's life," Cotner said. "Find more ways to build each other up; it spreads just as well."

"Continue to be kind," Amos said.

"I'll miss working with them," Robertson said, "They have exemplified what a good REC should be, what a student-



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Remembering Jimmy Yarbrough, Longtime Part of Longwood Admissions Staff

Kent Booy
Public Relations

James M. "Jimmy" Yarbrough, one of Longwood University's most beloved employees, died April 14.

Yarbrough, 48, a Longwood alumnus who had battled non-Hodgkins lymphoma for eight years, was senior associate director of admissions. He had worked in the admissions office since August 1989. He was known for his impassioned and sometimes humorous oratory, his deep faith and his ability to connect with young people. The pastor of St. Luke's Baptist Church in Brookneal, he delivered countless invocations at campus events, and other speakers often said they dreaded following the gifted speaker to the podium.

"Jimmy was one of our shining stars," said Longwood President Patricia Cormier. "He

was a father, a husband, a pastor, and a valuable member of the university and the community. Jimmy was unique. He will be missed by everyone who knew him."

A Richmond native, Yarbrough transferred to Longwood in the spring of 1977, in the middle of his sophomore year, from Virginia Union University, where he was a science major on an academic scholarship. "I had a basketball fever I wanted to cool down," he said in a 1993 article in the Richmond Times-Dispatch. "Basketball brought me here. I didn't even know the place existed." A guard on the Longwood basketball team for

two years, he set a school record that still stands when he scored 46 points against Bluefield

College in the final game of the 1977-78 season. He averaged 22.2 points per game in the 1976-77 season, the first season for men's basketball, and 16.9 the next year. As he often joked, he decided to give up basketball because Longwood hired a new coach, Ron Bash, who wanted his guards to

shoot less.

At the time, he was one of only two African-American males on the campus. During the 1979-80 and 1980-81 academic years, he was a part-time student and worked part-time as an admissions counselor before earning a B.S. in therapeutic

recreation in 1982. He worked at Southside Virginia Community College as a student services assistant/activities coordinator from 1981 to 1988, then directed the Charlotte County office on youth for one year before returning to his alma mater to work in the admissions office. He earned an M.S. from Longwood in community and college counseling in 1996.

It was at Longwood, as an undergraduate, that he met his wife of 26 years, Allie Chaffin Yarbrough, who is co-principal of Prince Edward County High School. She earned a bachelor's degree at Longwood in 1978 and a master's degree in 1982. They have three children: Neal, Jason and Anne.

Yarbrough was an effective and popular admissions recruiter. "Jimmy's long career at Longwood was very instru-

mental in our strong admissions growth over the years," Dr. Cormier said. "He could always tell when a prospective student was a good fit for Longwood and, over the years, he recruited thousands of future Longwood graduates."

He became a licensed minister in 1986 and at one time pastored two churches, Yielding Zion Baptist Church in Burkeville and St. Matthew's Baptist Church in Kenbridge. "I've got three jobs: one with Longwood, one with those churches and a third one with the wife and kids," he told the Times-Dispatch in '93. A funeral service was held Monday at Mount Olive Baptist Church in Victoria, followed by interment in the church cemetery. Details of a forthcoming memorial service on the Longwood campus will be announced soon.



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Field Hockey Bids Farewell to Barlow Field

Kyle Martin
Staff Writer

With the re-dedication of the Rotunda and Ruffner Hall completed under the brilliance of sunshine and clear skies, Barlow Field closed its doors for competition for the final time last Saturday under a veil of pouring rain, wind, and hail. Although the foul weather cancelled the 2005 edition of the field hockey team's alumni game, spirits were bright as past and present players gathered for photographs and a chance to tell stories about their memories of the team.

"We had 24 [players] registered to play," field hockey head coach Nancy Joel said, "and we had about a hundred more that were going to attend as spectators." According to Joel, Saturday's affair was the largest gathering of former players at a team alumni event.

Spanning 35 years of playing history, Christy McDonnell St. Clair represented the class of 1970 and, consequently, remembered playing in a numberless

tunic instead of a modern athletic jersey as well as being a part of this time-honored tradition her freshman year.

According to St. Clair, her favorite Longwood memory was "being selected usherette for Circus my freshman year--The Circus evolved to become Oktoberfest. It's an honor. They only pick two [students] from each class and it was neat to do that being new here."

Terri Sawyer, who graduated in 1976, had her own Oktoberfest memories as well. "My favorite moment was the Oktoberfest games where we played in clown makeup," Sawyer said. "We came from the parade, took off our suits, put on our uniforms, and ran onto the field to play."

Earlier this month, the team welcomed back Army Captain

Jenn Cope, a 2001 graduate, who recently returned from duty in Afghanistan.

"For me, it's kind of special to

just helps you work with other people," Cope said. "The Army's like your team." Cope is still involved with the Army, continuing her four-year career in Hawaii.

With the group gathered in the tight confines of a racquetball court in French Hall, the former players quickly recognized the changes to their alma mater. For Sawyer, the biggest differences include the university becoming co-ed and the athletic program moving to Division I.

"[The move to Division I] means a lot to the university and will help the university grow," Sawyer said.

Despite the foiled plans to play due to weather, Joel is pursuing the possibility of an alumni match during Oktoberfest this fall.

"There will be some alumni event October 8," Joel said. "We were certainly pleased with the amount of people who came

that we don't want to lose their enthusiasm, so we want to give them the chance to play." With the gates of Barlow Field closed, look for the next alumni event to occur on the new artificial turf field currently under construction, according to Joel.

During the celebration, Joel also revealed her plans to author a guide chronicling the school's field hockey history. "It will have names of all the players who played here, messages from the coaches, and all the histories and accolades of the teams as well," Joel said. "It will be a collection of research information from alumni, past coaches, plus the archived material we already have. We want to get it out for the 2005-06 year because 2006 is our 80th anniversary."

With Barlow Field now a memory to the field hockey faithful, Joel admitted, "I'm not sure I can pick a favorite moment as much as I can the enjoyment of watching young women mature and excel at their sport."



former players gather for alumni game.

Picture courtesy of Ana Schmidt

come back since I've been away for a year and to see the school and my coach and how it has changed," Cope said.

With the experiences of field hockey and the military embedded in her life, Cope acknowledged she relies on the skills of the game to survive life in the Army.

"[By] being in field hockey and having to work with different kinds of girls and coaches...it

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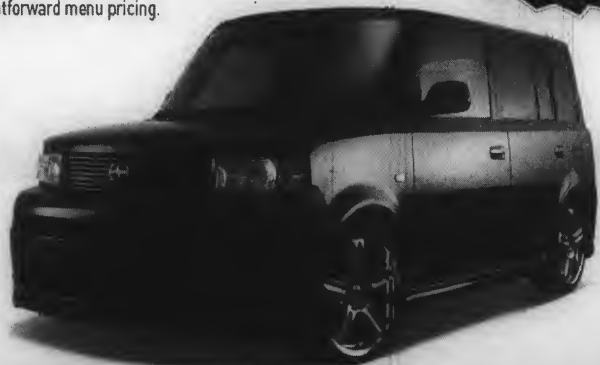
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Softball Seniors Sweep George Washington

Kyle Martin
Staff Writer

The softball team concluded their season in an almost flawless fashion on Tuesday by sweeping the Colonials of George Washington University at home in a double-header. For senior players Mega Camden, Ashley Hawkins, Jen Steele and Alishia Stewart, their final playing appearance was a blend of emotions captured under the cold, high winds.

"[I had] mixed emotions," Hawkins said. "[I was] so excited to get to play with these girls one last time. I don't think [leaving here] will hit me until school is over."

In game one, Longwood gained a two-run lead in the first after senior pitcher Jen Steele hit the ball at GW's Catherine Belanger. Belanger bobbled the ball, allowing freshman outfielder Caitlin Hooe to score from third base and junior outfielder Shamana Washington to score from second base for the early lead.

Longwood tacked on two more runs in the game, but the defense proved to be impenetrable. In the top of the first inning with a runner on first, Colonials' freshman pitcher Lisa Cohen laid down a bunt back to Steele. Steele covered the ball, threw out

GW's Lindsay Graham at second with Longwood's Hawkins tossing the ball to first base for the inning-ending double play. Longwood tacked on three more double plays for an outstanding total of four.

"That was probably the best defensive game we've ever played," Hawkins said. "I don't know what the record for double plays is, but that was impressive." Steele finished her career on top throwing a complete game shut out allowing only five hits and striking out four batters.

"I wasn't nervous, but I remember everything during that game," Steele said. "I let it all soak in." Steele finished her pitching career with an overall record of 73-36 and she holds the school record for wins, winning percentage, strike outs, and innings pitched.

With one game remaining for the four seniors, Hooe stole the show, literally. In the bottom of the first with one out, Hooe reached first with a single, and then stole second base. With Washington at the plate, Hooe snagged third after Washington struck out. Steele came to bat, and on the fourth pitch, Hooe snuck past Colonials' freshman pitcher Gabby Culp and stole

home for the early 1-0 lead.

Leading 1-0 in the bottom of the third, the Lancers Hooe struck again with two outs on a hard hit single to GW freshman

steals in the contest.

The offensive onslaught continued in the home half courtesy of senior shortstop Megan Camden. After Steele reached first with a walk and Washington advancing to second base, Camden swung hard and deposited Culp's pitch deep into right field. Washington and Steele reached home safely and Camden marched to third with a bases-clearing triple, giving Longwood a 4-0 advantage.

"I was just looking to hit something hard," Camden said. "I struggled in prior innings and I just wanted to go up there, see a good pitch, and hope [my hit] finds a hole." Camden closed her Longwood career with the school records for at bats and base hits.

The Lancers tacked on three more insurance runs for a 7-1 victory as freshman pitcher Rachel Mills went the seven-inning distance for her 12th win of the season, finishing her first Longwood season with a 12-9 record.

In the wins, Alishia Stewart scored a run and recorded an r.b.i., finishing her three-year Longwood career with 52 hits and scored 41 runs.

"I think after all the work we've done throughout the year, it all came together, Stewart said. For Stewart, the hardest part of the 2005 season, "Was getting to where we were today. I think get-

ting in sync on offense and defense was probably the most difficult thing we had to accomplish."

The victories gave Longwood a final standing of 32-20 while dropping George Washington to 9-29 with three regular season games remaining.

Softball head coach Kathy Riley earned her eighth winning season in her eight years with the program.

"I think it's a direct result of what a lot of coaches tell their teams and that's if you put something in it, you'll get something out of it," Riley said. "I think the early morning practices, the weight room sessions, how much they had to focus in practice and their difficult early season schedule were all factors in the way they played down the stretch."

Riley acknowledged her senior players as crucial pieces to the team's success.

"First of all, for four years they have given their heart and soul to the softball program and Longwood University," Riley said. "These kids on and off the field gave a tremendous effort in both areas. I do think individually there are things I'm going to miss, but collectively I'm going to miss the effort they gave."



Senior Megan Camden plays in her final game.

Photo courtesy of Sports Information

shortstop Elana Meyers. Washington knocked a base hit and then the rundown began. Hooe charged from first to third base, but got caught between third and home plate. Washington made it safely to first, but was trapped between first and second base. With the hard choice to make, Culp tried to catch Washington, but Hooe stole home again and reached the single-game record books with four

Women's Soccer Brings in Grade "A" Recruits

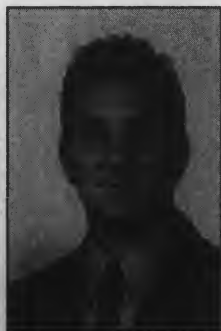
Mallory Gordon
Staff Writer

Although another year is over for the women's soccer team, they can look forward to a new team next year with recruits that trigger everyone's excitement.

Todd Dyer, the women's soccer head coach, believes next year's team is going to be even better than the current roster. It's hard to make the transition as a Division I athletic team and even harder to attract Division I-caliber players.

"We knew that we had to get Division I talent and we hope that once the season begins that we will see what these upcoming freshman will bring to

Longwood's athletic program," Dyer said. "One of the biggest reasons these recruits chose Longwood was because they would have the chance to have a bigger impact sooner than if they were at a more established Division I program."



Women's head soccer coach Todd Dyer.

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When new players are recruited, team chemistry is an important factor. "This is the first year we've been able to get so many out-of-state recruits, so I'm hoping that the diversity will add to the team and enhance team chemistry overall," says Dyer.

Most of the new recruits hail outside Virginia and include Maddie Stevens from Charles Town,

West Virginia, Ingrid Hale from Littleton, Colorado, Ashlee McConnell from Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and Cassie Lynn from Kellam High School in Virginia Beach, have signed to become Longwood's women's soccer freshman class for 2005.

Junior mid-fielder Tiffany Crane had Lynn stay with her on an official recruiting visit. "Cassie and I played high school soccer together so I'm really excited to play in college with her", Crane said. "She is a very good leader and I'm sure she will do well".

According to Crane, Lynn chose to attend and sign with Longwood because, "Every year

the school becomes more recognized so that definitely aided in her decision. She wanted to come here from the get-go...she really seemed to like the school and the team looked very happy as a whole."

With four new players and possibly another recruit on the way, the women's soccer team will be one step closer to being able to play with the best of the best. "The biggest difference of where we were and where we are is that competition is better, so players have to be better. I feel like we are accomplishing that", Dyer said.

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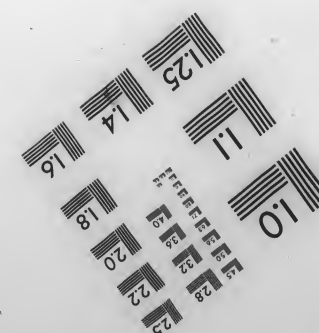
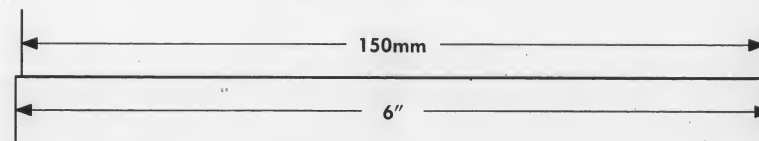
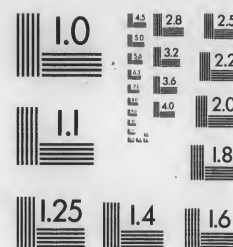
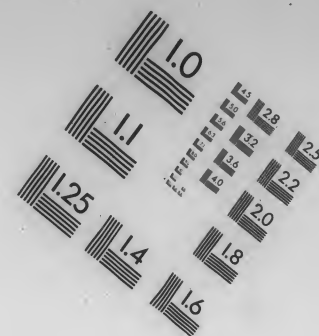
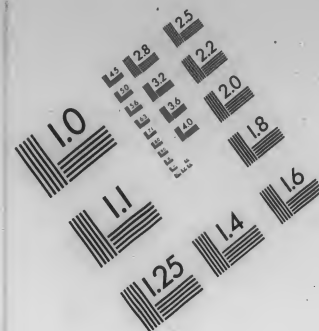
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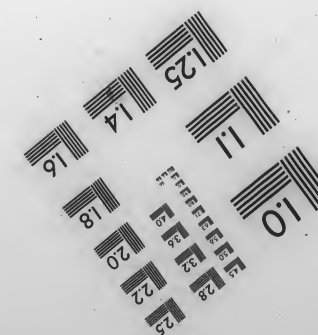
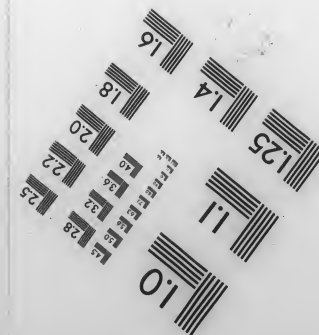
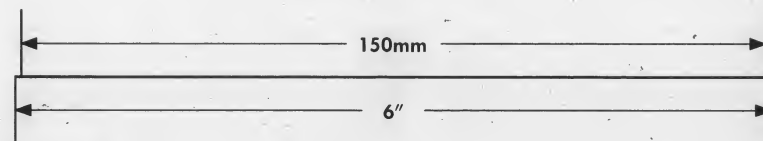
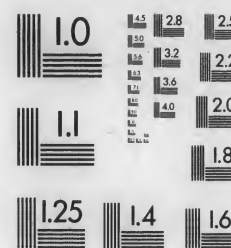
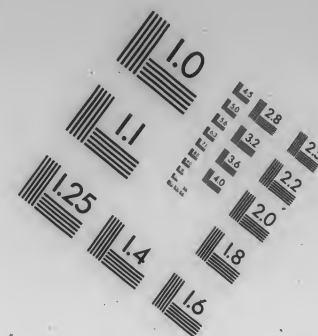
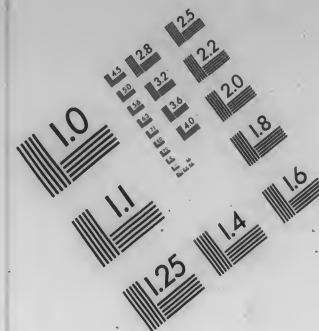
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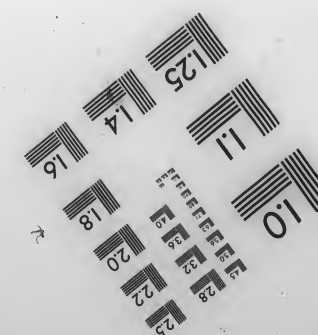
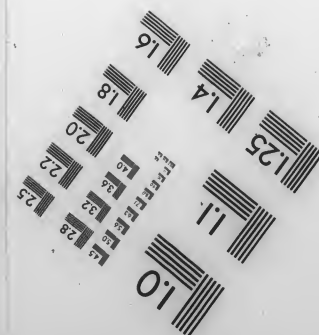
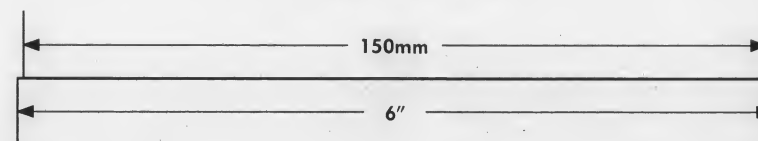
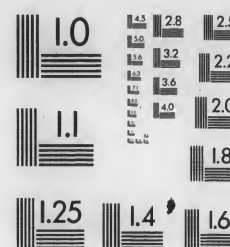
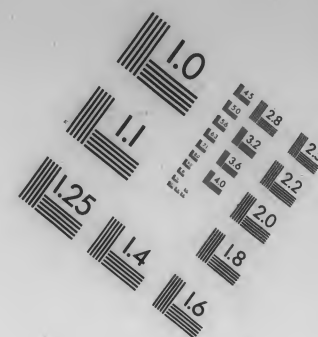
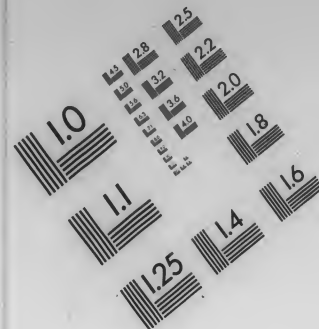
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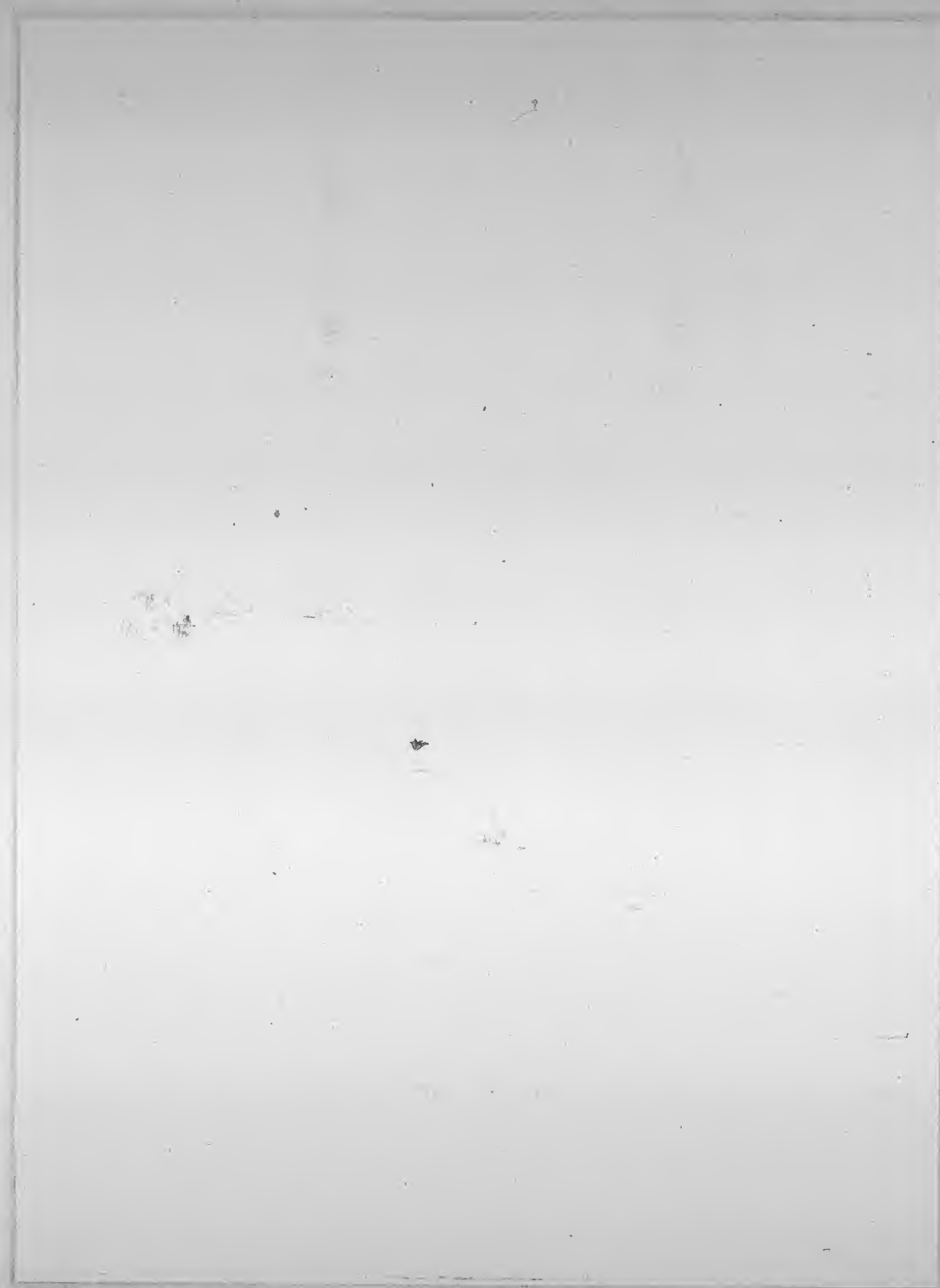
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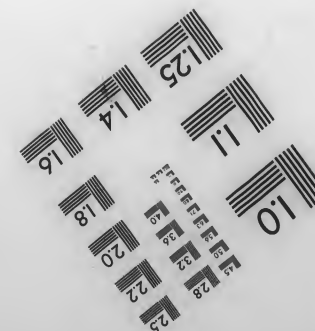
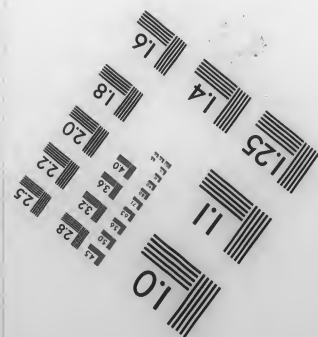
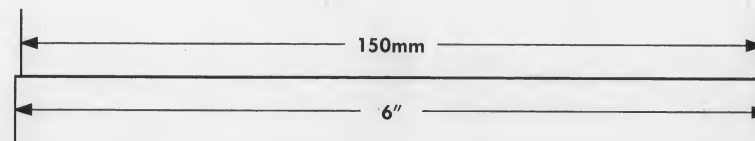
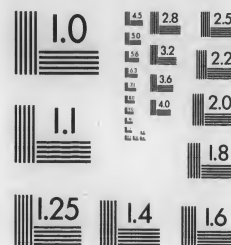
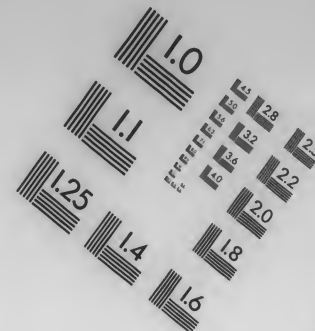
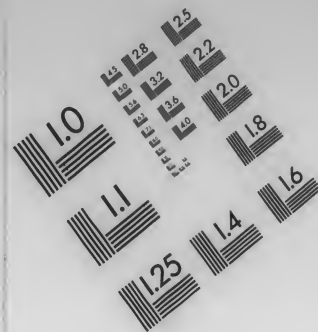
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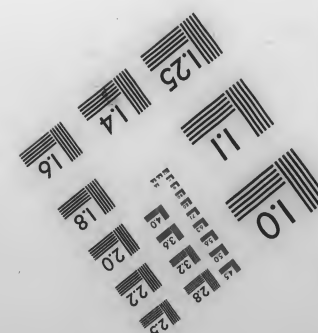
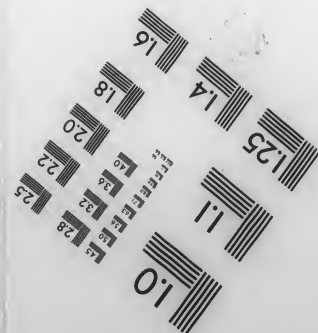
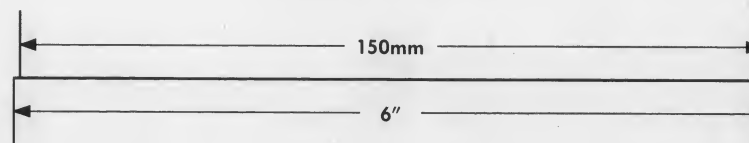
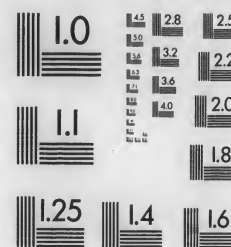
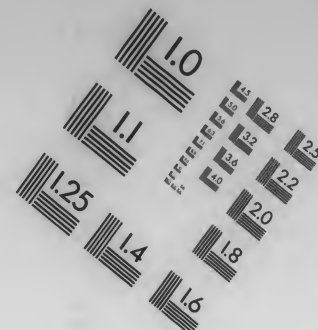
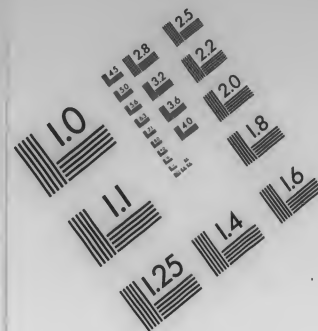
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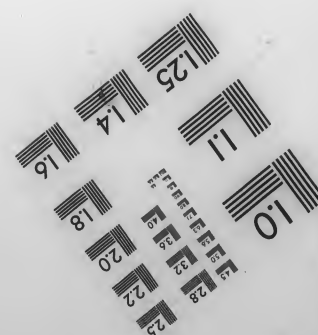
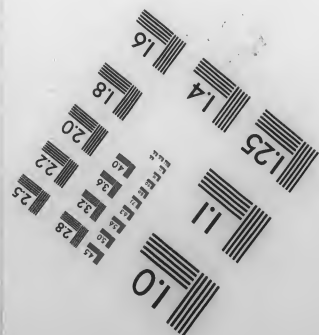
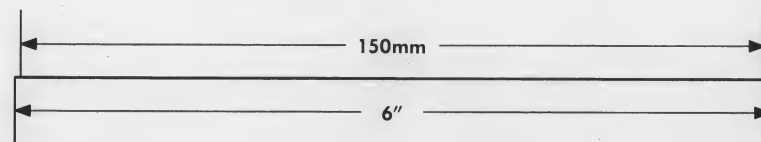
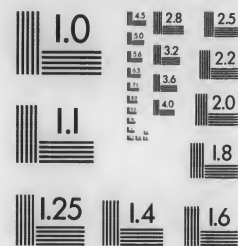
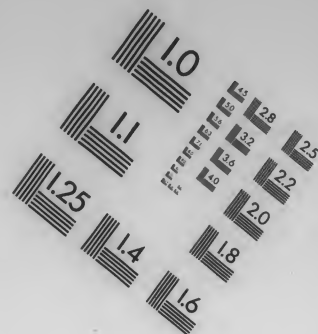
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